

Transfer Pathway Associate in Arts Degree (AA): Social & Behavioral Sciences/ Human Services / Social Work

If you are planning on transferring to a four-year college/university, you may complete freshman and sophomore requirements at Des Moines Area Community College. If you would like to study at a four year institution in a major such as (i.e. Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, etc.) the Social & Behavioral Pathway provides you with core courses that transfer to any institution. Since requirements vary for specific programs and four year institutions, you should become familiar with the specific course requirements of the four-year institution and/or major to which they are considering for transfer.

AA Degree Requirements

To Receive an AA degree, students must:

- A. Maintain a 2.0 grade point average on all work applicable to the AA degree. (core courses)
- B. Earn a minimum of 1/3 of the semester credit hours applicable to the degree being pursued at DMACC
No more than 43 transfer semester credit hours may be applied toward the degree.
- C. Complete a minimum of 64 semester credit hours.
- D. Included at least 46 semester credit hours of Core courses:
 - Communications **9 credits**
 - Social & Behavioral Sciences **9 credits**
 - Math & Sciences **9 credits**
 - Humanities **9 credits**
 - Distributed Requirements **10 credits**
- E. Include at least **18 credit hours of elective credit**.
 1. Students may include 16 semester credit hours of vocational/technical credit.
 2. Students may have up to 8 semester credit hours of Independent Study Courses; up to 4 semester credit hours of Independent Study may be earned in any single semester.
- F. Complete **3 semester credit hours to satisfy the Diversity Requirement** with a minimum grade of “C”. The Diversity Requirement does not increase the number of credits required for graduation. The course used to fulfill the Diversity Requirement may also be used to fulfill 3 credits of Core requirements in Communications, Social & Behavior Sciences, Humanities or Distributed Requirements, providing the diversity course is listed as fulfilling Core requirements in Communications, Social & Behavioral Sciences or the Humanities. If the course does not fall under any of the Core groups, the course used to fulfill the Diversity Requirement may count as an elective.

Courses that satisfy the Diversity Requirement at Des Moines Area Community College may or may not satisfy diversity requirements at other academic institutions. If you are planning to transfer, you should contact your transfer institution to verify the transferability of courses. This open AA plan is designed to meet transferability to “most” institutions without identifying a major or area of concentration.

Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts Degree (AA): Emphasis Human Services/ Pre Social Work

Recommended Course Schedule

Semester 1		
Course Name	Area	Credits
SDV 108 – The College Experience	Distributed/College Requirement	1
MAT 110 OR 157, or any AA core math	Math/Science	3-4
ENG 105	Communications	3
PSY 111	Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
HSV 109 – Intro to Human Services	Elective (Human Services)	3
HSV130 – Interviewing & Interpersonal	Elective (Human Services)	3

Semester 2		
ENG 106	Communications	3
BIO 112 OR BIO 104	Math/Science	3
HSV 185 – Discrimination & Diversity	Elective (Human Services)	3
HSV 220 – Intro to Counseling Theories	Elective (Human Services)	3
HIS 112	Humanities	4

Semester 3		
SPC 101	Communications	3
BIO 156/BIO 104	Math/ Science	4
HIS 113	Humanities	4
SOC 110	Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
HSV 286 – Intervention Theories & Prac. I	Elective (Human Services)	3

Semester 4		
POL 111	Social & Behavioral Science	3
LIT 101	Humanities	3
PSY 121	Distributed	3
SOC 120	Distributed	3
HSV803 - Seminar	Elective (Human Services)	1
HSV804 – Internship (150 hrs)	Elective (Human Services)	2
Completed		64

Courses listed below reflect courses that transfer to Iowa State, University of Iowa, and University of Northern Iowa. See DMACC course Catalogue for other course offerings that may also transfer.

Communication: ENG 105, ENG 106, SPC 101, SPC 122

Social Behavioral Sciences: Choose appropriate sequence: ECN 120, ECN 130, HIS 112, HIS 113, HIS 150, HIS 153, HIS 257, POL 111, POL 121, POL 125, PSY 111, PSY 121, SOC 110, SOC 115, SOC 120, ANT 105

Math & Science: MAT 121 Elective), MAT 141, MAT 148, MAT 157, MAT 166, MAT 211, MAT 217, MAT 219, MAT 217, MAT 219, MAT 227, PHY 160, PHY 161, PHY 213, PHY 223, BIO 104, BIO 112, BIO 113, BIO 156, BIO 164, BIO 168, BIO 173, CHM 105, CHM 263, CHM 273, ENV 115, ENV 116, ANT 202

Humanities: Choose appropriate sequence: HIS 112, HIS 113, DRA 101, FLF 151, FLF 152, FLF 241, FLF 242, FLS 141, FLS 142, FLS 241, FLS 242, LIT101, LIT110, LIT 111, PHI105, PHI110 * Your Electives and Distributed Courses should reflect your area of interest or interest exploration. Please review your **transfer** college/ program requirements.