

# Accounting Pre-Major

## Associate in Arts Degree

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Accounting courses are useful to everyone in business. A major in accounting may lead to careers in business, industry or government. The Accounting pre-major prepares students to transfer to a four-year college or university and continue for a baccalaureate degree.

### 2+2 Articulation Agreement

- Eastern Illinois University - AA Accounting to BS Accounting
- McKendree University - AAS Accounting to BS Accounting
- Southern Illinois University Carbondale - AA Accounting to BS Accounting
- Southern Illinois University Carbondale- AAS Accounting to BS Accounting

### Important Transfer Information

Read the Course Description Guide (yellow section of the catalog) for more information on course content and requisites, which may be necessary for some courses.

#### If you KNOW where you are transferring:

- Transfer requirements vary by receiving institution.
- Plan your Associate in Arts and transfer requirements with a SWIC academic advisor and use the transfer guide of the four-year institution you plan to attend.
- Refer to *Recommended Steps and Timeline to Transfer to Four-Year Institutions* in the white section in the front of this catalog.

#### If you DON'T KNOW where you are transferring:

- Plan your Associate in Arts with a SWIC academic advisor.
- The **Associate in Arts Degree Requirement Checklist** may be used as a GENERAL GUIDE; transfer requirements vary by receiving institution.
- Refer to *Recommended Steps and Timeline to Transfer to Four-Year Institutions* in the white section in the front of this catalog.

Please view additional transfer resources at [swic.edu/articulation/](http://swic.edu/articulation/).

### Associate in Arts Degree (0001) – Accounting Pre-Major

Students who plan to earn an Associate in Arts degree and then transfer to a four-year college or university to major in Accounting should follow the steps listed below. **It is strongly recommended that you confer with a SWIC academic advisor prior to enrolling each semester and familiarize yourself with the specific requirements of the four-year institution where you plan to transfer.**

1. Fulfill the General Education and other institutional requirements for the Associate in Arts degree listed in the front of this section. General Education course **preferences** may vary by transfer institution. For students who do not know where they plan to transfer, the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) Business Major Panel recommends the following general education courses for this major:
  - MATH 203 Analytic Geometry & Calculus I OR MATH 213 Calculus for Business & Social Sciences
  - PHIL 152 Ethics
  - ECON 201 Principles of Economics I (Macro)
  - ECON 202 Principles of Economics II (Micro)
2. As you fulfill your degree requirements, it is **strongly recommended** by the IAI Business Major Panel that you take the following classes:
  - ACCT 110 Financial Accounting
  - ACCT 111 Managerial Accounting
  - BUS 205 Economic and Business Statistics
  - BUS 209 Business Computer Systems
3. The additional courses recommended below may be applicable toward a baccalaureate Accounting major. **Please keep in mind that most transfer institutions limit the number of semester credits taken within a student's major field of study at the community college level.** To ensure the acceptance of such courses toward your intended major, check with the four-year institution where you are transferring or a SWIC academic advisor regarding their applicability.
  - BUS 215 Business Law
4. Fulfill all other Associate in Arts degree requirements listed in the front of this section.
5. Apply for graduation by the date published in the college calendar.
6. Earn at least 64 **transferable** credits with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 to graduate from SWIC. **Many** transfer institutions require a higher GPA for admission to the institution and/or specific majors.

Note: Enrollment in many transfer classes is based on your fulfillment of course requisites and/or your placement in Math and English classes.

### Career Opportunities

A variety of careers are open to students who graduate with a bachelor's degree in accounting including:

- Certified Public Accountant (requires an additional 30 hours and successful completion of the Uniform CPA Exam)
- Corporate accountant
- Financial analyst
- Forensic accountant
- Government accountant (e.g., IRS, FBI)
- Internal auditor
- Management consultant
- Public accountant
- Sports/entertainment accountant
- Tax accountant