
ILLINOIS ARTICULATION INITIATIVE

To Facilitate Interinstitutional Transfer

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Dear Colleague:

The Illinois Articulation Initiative works to improve articulation between institutions within the state of Illinois. The IAI remains a very important statewide articulation agreement for participating member institutions. The changes addressed in this letter serve to strengthen and facilitate the extant agreements and to better serve students.

You may be aware that the Illinois Articulation Initiative has been reviewing the IAI approved majors. After review and redesign, recommendations for majors were updated and activated as of June 01, 2008. They are displayed on the IAI website at: <http://www.itransfer.org/iai/majors/default.aspx?file=iai§ion=students>. The panels of all the IAI majors were tasked with identifying a core up to 4 courses. These core-course recommendations provide students who are unsure of their transfer institution the best advice for receiving credit in the major.

As you review the majors' page in the itransfer.org website, you will notice the number of majors listed is reduced. The majors shown have all identified a specific core in either the GECC or specific major courses. If a panel was unable to identify a core but it major could be included in a specialized Associates degree, such as the Associate in Fine Arts or the Associate of Arts in Teaching, it was removed from the active panels and the majors list. Because some of the panels have identified a core within the GECC program they will no longer need to review courses for approval. These tasks will fall to their appropriate GECC counterparts. As a result, the panels' functions have then changed to an advisory status to help with the development of future career and other area related tasks. If the panel believed that they had adequately fulfilled their assigned tasks and would no longer be needed in their advisory role, then it was decided by members to disband the panel and no longer meet.

Current active IAI major panels include: **Agriculture, Biological Sciences, Business, Chemistry, Criminal Justice, Computer Science, English (Advisory), Engineering, History (Advisory), Industrial Technology, Mass Communication, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Theater Arts**. As panel business moves along, it may require adjustments to this listing, but you will be informed of any additional IAI major panel adjustments via the appropriate IAI contacts' list serve or Transfer Coordinators' list serve. If you have faculty or staff interested in participating on any of these panels, we encourage you to contact your IAI and iTransfer staff at iai@itransfer.org. We welcome any volunteers interested in serving on any IAI panel.

As a result of IAI major restructuring, courses for those majors that are no longer active IAI majors are being archived and should no longer be listed in your catalog as IAI approved courses with a specific major identifier such as ART, MUS, EDU, etc. This change in articulation in no way invalidates any institution to institution articulation agreements your institution may have or choose to create. As of December 31st, 2008,

only courses with an approved GECC code and/or major core course code will be included in the IAI/iTransfer.org databases. Only these courses should carry an IAI code in your catalog (Courses removed from databases will be archived as of Dec. 31.

iTransfer.org is working diligently to create a new majors page which will expand information for those majors and careers that are not specifically IAI-approved majors in order to provide direction and information beyond our standard IAI approved majors. Deployment of this new majors' information page is slated for the fall semester 2009. The iTransfer staff is working at creating a new applied Associates degree page that will be developed by December 31, 2008, deadline to coincide with the ending of the inactive IAI majors' courses.

In order to promote enhanced communication between the iTransfer.org staff and IAI participating institutions, a new semiannual bulletin of important IAI and iTransfer information is being developed. It will be distributed to Transfer Coordinators and the institutional IAI contacts list serves currently maintained by iTransfer staff. If you are not currently a participating member of these list serves, please email our staff at ittransfer@ittransfer.org to request your email address be added to the appropriate list serve.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any information contained in this letter, please feel free to contact us at 309-438-8640 or any of the official IAI numbers or emails listed at the top of this letter. Your participation and efforts in making the Illinois Articulation Initiative a success for Illinois students is appreciated. Thank you for your time and for sharing this information with appropriate parties at your institution.

Sincerely,

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