

A.A. Degree – 8-Week Course Pathway

THE PROGRAM

Flexible and affordable opportunities are available to learners attending Kishwaukee College. **The 8-Week Course Pathway** provides students with options on how they can earn their degree. Students can complete an Associate in Arts degree by taking 8-week courses to allow for more intensive and focused study. By completing the requirements, students will earn the general education credit needed to continue their education with a seamless transfer to a four-year institution or continue into the workforce.

TRANSFER PLANNING

By carefully constructing an educational plan, students can select Kishwaukee College courses for transfer to a variety of four-year colleges and universities. When a student has selected a transfer institution it is important for the student to review that institution's **specific admission and course requirements**. The Academic Advising office can assist students with this process. The **Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)** is a statewide transfer agreement on courses transferable among more than 100 participating colleges or universities in Illinois.

FIRST YEAR			
✓ Fall Semester			
First 8 Weeks			Hours
ENG 103	Composition I		3
PSY 102	Introduction to Psychology		3
CSD 100, 101 or ENG 111	The College Experience, Career Planning or College Study Skills		2
Second 8 Weeks			
ENG 104	Composition II		3
SOC 170	Introduction to Sociology		3
PE 140	Fitness Training I		1
Semester Total			15
✓ Spring Semester			
First 8 Weeks			Hours
CHE 110	Basic Chemistry		3
ANT 120	Introduction to Anthropology		3
Second 8 Weeks			
COM 100	Oral Communication		3
ART 282	Introduction to the Visual Arts		3
Semester Total			12
✓ Summer Semester			
Hours			
MAT 101 or MAT 208*	Topics in Mathematics or Introductory Statistics		3 or 4
CIS 101	Introduction to Computers		3
Semester Total			6-7

* MAT course should be selected based on transfer plans.

SECOND YEAR			
✓ Fall Semester			
First 8 Weeks			Hours
BIO 101 and BIO 102	Environmental Biology and Environmental Biology Laboratory		4
HUM 119 or HUM 129	Humanities: Historical Survey or Humanities: Topical Survey		3
Second 8 Weeks			
HIS 222	United States History Since 1877		3
ECO 160	Introduction to Economics		3
Semester Total			13
✓ Spring Semester			
First 8 Weeks			Hours
PLS 140	Introduction to American Government and Politics		3
MUS 130 or MUS 220	Survey of American Music or Music Appreciation		3
Second 8 Weeks			
PHL 101	Introduction to Philosophy		3
LITERATURE	Literature Course		3
Semester Total			12
✓ Summer Semester			
Hours			
ELECTIVE	Math, Science, Humanities or Social Science based on interest		3-4
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Semester Total			6-8
Total Credit Hours for Degree**			64+

** Total hours dependent on credit hours for electives and math courses selected.

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In order to earn the Associate in Arts (A.A.) Online Degree at Kishwaukee College students must complete these graduation requirements:

- Complete 64 credits comprised of 37 credits that meet the Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum and other selected elective credits.
- Achieve a 2.0 (C) grade point average in all 100/200 level courses attempted at Kishwaukee College.
- Complete a minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours of 100/200 level credit must be earned at Kishwaukee College.
- Apply for graduation.

Additional Sources of Information:

DEPARTMENT

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STUDENT SERVICES

Advising Appointments
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This pathway is designed to allow students to complete a degree exclusively through 8-week courses. This option allows students to complete each course more quickly and to focus on just two courses at a time. The 8-week course model is intensive, requiring students to commit significant time to coursework outside of the class meetings. It is recommended students follow this planner for success in the 8-week pathway.