

Area of Study: **Art, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Pathway: **English and Rhetoric**

Degree type: **Associate in Arts**

Curriculum Code: **ENG.RHT.AA (U224A21)**

(Total Program Credits: 60)

Courses in Rhetoric train students in the craft of academic writing and develop skills in critical reading and thinking. Courses in English introduce the major genres, survey influential literature, and examine authors or special fields of literature. Most courses meet general education requirements in the Humanities for all students, and all contribute toward developing a major in the field.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the Associate in Arts Degree (English and Rhetoric) emphasis, the graduate will be able to:

- create a reasoned argument with consideration for audience and purpose;
- develop a specific, well-focused thesis statement that provides an overview of the paper;
- plan, organize, and edit effective multi-paragraph essays;
- synthesize materials collected from electronic databases to support a research thesis and properly document these sources; and
- analyze, interpret, and evaluate multiple points of view in a variety of sources and readings.

Placement Measures MAT, RHT, and COL sequence placement will be determined by an Academic Advisor.

Contact your Academic Advisor before registering for courses.

Developmental education courses do not transfer. They assist students in the path towards college credit.

Program Map for Full-Time Students

Semester One: Fall	Category	Next Steps
RHT 101 Freshmen Rhetoric & Composition I (3)	<i>Communication</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to create an academic plan. Explore transfer institutions and admissions requirements by attending transfer events .
<i>PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology (3)</i> or <i>other Social and Behavioral Science General Education Course (3)</i>	<i>Social and Behavioral Science</i>	
MAT170 Elementary Statistics (4) or other Mathematics General Education Course (3-5)	<i>Mathematics</i>	
LIT 103 Introduction to Fiction (3)	<i>Humanities</i>	
Program Elective (3) or Foreign Language (4)	<i>Elective</i>	

15-18 Credit Hours

Note: Grade of “C” or higher is an IAI requirement for RHT 101 and RHT 102.

Only RHT 101◊ and RHT 102◊ must be taken in the semesters indicated. The order of the others may be switched, and the number of credits may be varied as necessary.

Semester Two: Spring	Category	Next Steps
RHT 102 Freshman Rhetoric & Composition II (3)	<i>Communication</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to update your academic and transfer plan. Create a Transferology account to explore how coursework transfers. Attend a Transfer 101 Workshop .
<i>Life Science General Education Course (3-4)</i>	<i>Life Science</i>	
<i>Fine Arts General Education Course (3)</i>	<i>Fine Arts</i>	
<i>Social and Behavioral Science General Education Course (3)</i>	<i>Social and Behavioral Science</i>	
Program Elective (3) or Foreign Language (3)	<i>Elective</i>	

15-16 Credit Hours

Note: Grade of “C” or higher is an IAI requirement for RHT 101◊ and RHT 102◊.

Only RHT 101 and RHT 102 must be taken in the semesters indicated. The order of the others may be switched, and the number of credits may be varied as necessary.

Semester Three: Fall	Category	Next Steps
SPE 101 Principles of Effective Speaking (3)	<i>Communication</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to update your academic and transfer plan. Attend a Ready to Apply Workshop . GECC Credential Achieved.
<i>Social and Behavioral Science General Education Course (3)</i>	<i>Social and Behavioral Science</i>	
<i>Humanities</i> or <i>Fine Arts General Education Course (3)</i>	<i>Humanities or Fine Arts</i>	
<i>Physical Science General Education Course (3-5)</i>	<i>Physical Science</i>	
LIT 101 Introduction to Poetry (3) or LIT 231 Introduction to Shakespeare (3)	<i>Elective</i>	

15-17 Credit Hours

Semester Four: Spring	Category	Next Steps
Elective (3)	<i>Elective</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to finalize your transfer plan.
Elective (3)	<i>Elective</i>	
Elective (3)	<i>Elective</i>	Submit graduation petition by deadline (check for the specific date in catalog or syllabi.) Apply to your transfer institution(s).
Elective (3)	<i>Elective</i>	
Electives (3)	<i>Elective</i>	

15 Credit Hours

Program Electives (15-21) LIT 101 Introduction to Poetry (3) LIT 105 Word Literature (3) <i>Offered in Summer Only</i> LIT 231 Introduction to Shakespeare (3)
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RHT 255 Creative Writing (3) (May not transfer to all institutions)

(Select courses that meet the BA requirements of your transfer college.)

Note: LIT 1020, LIT 1050, LIT 1700, LIT 2310, RHT 2550 are not offered every semester.

The student must average 15 credits per semester. Summer session may be used to lower this average.

Graduation Requirements

General Education requirements:

AA degree

Subtotal: 37-40

English and Rhetoric courses or other electives toward the AA degree

Subtotal: 20-23

General Education requirements by discipline:

- **Communications:** Three courses (nine semester hours).
- **Humanities and Fine Arts:** Three courses (nine semester hours), with at least one course from selected from Humanities and at least one course from the Fine Arts.
- **Social and Behavioral Science:** Three courses (nine semester hours), with courses selected from at least two disciplines.

Graduation from an Illinois college or university requires satisfactory completion of one or more courses incorporating Human Diversity, which may be taken as a Humanities and Fine Arts or Social and Behavioral Science course.

- **Mathematics:** One course (three semester hours).
- **Physical and Life Science:** Two courses (seven to eight semester hours), with one course selected from the Life Sciences and one course from the Physical Sciences, including at least one laboratory course.

Foreign Language encouraged if transferring.

See LIT course descriptions.

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