TRANSFER GUIDE

Bridgewater College: BA in History & Political Science (Secondary Education) Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Education

Catalog Years: 2025-2027

COURSE REQUIREMENTS						
Complete at Community College				Complete at Bridgewater College		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGR REQUIREMENT	REE	
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
Elective credit	1-2	SDV 100 or 101		CL 150	1	Transfer Connected Learn Sem
Writing Intensive	3	ENG 111		HIST 250	3	Historical Methods
CL 200	3	ENG 112		HIST 400	3	Professional Development (includes CL 400)
Creative/Artistic Practices	3	Any UCGS Art		HIST 470	3	Senior Seminar in History
Study of Human Narrative	3	Any UCGS Literature		Major Electives (300+):	9	3 credits US History, European History, Non-West History each
Study of the Past	3	HIS 112	Major Requirement	EDUC 225	1	Comm Engage Clinical Exp
Scientific Study of People/Society	3	PLS 135		EDUC 334	3	Content Area Lit
Scientific Study of Nature	4	Any UCGS Nat Science		EDUC 372	4	Class Mgt Second
Math Req	3-5	Any UCGS Math		EDUC 380	3	Pract Teach Tech
Communication	3	CST 100 or 110		EDUC 412	4	Curr/Instr Sec
PSCI 230	3	PLS 241	Major Requirement	EDUC 452	1	Educ Pract Sec
PSCI 240	3	PLS 140	Major Requirement	EDUC 470	13	Student Teaching
HIST 201	3	HIS 121	Major Requirement	Electives	12	
HIST 202	3	HIS 122	Major Requirement			
ECON 200	3	ECON 201	Major Requirement			
EDUC 195	3	GEO 220	Major Requirement			
EDUC 140	3	EDU 200	20-hour field placement required			
EDUC 200	3	EDU 207				
SPED 220	3	EDU 250				
EDUC 230	3	EDU 204	20-hour field placement required			
Electives	1-4	Pre-req or Elective credits				
Pre-Transfer Credits	60-63			Post Transfer Credits	60	(Minimum 120 total hours)

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Admission Agreement

- Applicable Associate Degrees: AA and AS
- Minimum GPA requirement: 2.5/4.0
- Course requirements: Students must earn a grade of 'C' or higher in VCCS courses for credit to be transferred into Bridgewater.
- Maximum credits applicable for transfer: 68
- Testing requirements: Bridgewater College is test optional. Students using the GAA are not required to submit standardized test scores for admittance

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- Transfer Info, Application, & Financial Aid Information: <u>www.bridgewater.edu/transfer</u>
- Deposit: On or before June 1
- FAFSA-Free Applications for Federal Student Aid: For highest aid, submit by March 1. Visit <u>www.Studentaid.gov</u> for more info
 - Admissions Applications: No Deadline- Rolling Admissions

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

 Connect with the transfer counselor at Bridgewater within your first year for help choosing the correct courses for your program.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- This is your degree if you aim to teach elementary school and be licensed in Grades 6-12.
- With our guidance, you will be licensed to teach in Virginia and many other states through reciprocal certification
- Integration of knowledge across the disciplines
- Development of critical thinking and communication skills
- Ability to question, examine, and understand issues/ideas with increasing clarity and depth
- Gain the knowledge and skills to become a successful and ethical educator
- Learn from faculty who are internationally recognized scholars in their field.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- Associate Transfer Degree Completion: The completion of an Associate Degree results in all lower-division general education requirements being met, except for CL 150 (a transfer orientation class that introduces students to the BC Academic community) and CL 400 (a senior portfolio class).
- Credit for Prior Learning: AP, IB, and CLEP are evaluated for credits. See this link for AP Equivalencies: <u>https://bridgewater.app.box.com/s/yp8uq0l32pexh5tfywiufc7g9azwlk2d</u>
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at the community college post high-school graduation.
- Dual Enrollment Completion of Associate Degree in HS: The completion of an Associate
 Degree concurrent with high school results in course work towards your degree and most
 general education courses satisfied. Students will be enrolled as a freshman for orientation
 and engagement purposes.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Small class sizes with academic advisors in each department. All in-person.
- 23 NCAA DIII Sports
- Commuting or on-campus housing.
- Robust career services, academic support services, and clubs and activities.

• Study Abroad in Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia. See here for more information: https://www.bridgewater.edu/academics/study-abroad/

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- BC awards merit scholarships to transfer students based on the cumulative GPA from community college course work. <u>www.bridgewater.edu/admissions-aid</u>
- 100% of students receive financial assistance.
- There are 55 different majors and minors.
- The Student: Faculty ratio is 13:1, with the average class size being 19.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

• As an History and Political Science major in the Teacher Education Program, you will become licensed to teach History and Civics in middle and high school (Grades 6-12). Find outcomes of the Teacher Education Program here:

https://www.bridgewater.edu/academics/divisions/teacher-education-program/secondary-teacher-education-program-6-12/

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Through our internship program, over 2/3 of our students are offered full-time jobs due to their work as an intern.
- Join Educators Rising Collegiate! Throughout the year, club members participate in a variety of activities designed to engage you in deeper discussions around hot-button topics in education, spur them to think about actions they can take at the local level, and prepare you for a classroom of your own.
- Bridgewater College's Teacher Education Program (TEP) was fully-accredited with no areas of improvement or stipulations on April 26, 2021, by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). This action resulted in the maximum 7-year accreditation. Additionally, CAEP awarded the TEP the Frank Murray Leadership Award for Continuous Improvement at the Fall 2021 CAEP Conference.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

• Students that maintain at least a 2.5 GPA, show proficiency in college level Mathematics and English, and are in good academic standing have a high possibility of being admitted.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

Check out <u>www.bridgewater.edu/life-at-bridgewater/career-development/career-exploration</u>

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- All students in this program are strongly encouraged to become involved in community service projects.
- All students in this program are strongly encouraged to add a major or minor to develop professional skills such as writing, language, digital media strategy communications, business, computer programming, and art/design.
- All students are strongly encouraged to study abroad, either for one semester, two semesters, or a May-term travel course.
- All students are strongly encouraged to develop leadership and community service skills in student clubs and student government.
- All students are required to do research projects in classes and senior seminar, and they are encouraged to undertake independent study courses, honors projects, and the summerterm Research Experience @ Bridgewater.