

MICHIGAN TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Albion College is committed to helping students transition smoothly from the community college to Albion College. This commitment is demonstrated by our participation in the [Michigan Transfer Agreement](#) (MTA). The MTA was developed in an effort to simplify the transfer process for students, creating a core block of lower-level college coursework selected to satisfy a portion of general education at each of the state of Michigan's public institutions and participating private and tribal institutions.

The simplicity and flexibility of this agreement allows a transfer student to work towards the completion of the general education requirements of the community college and a four-year institution at the same time. If done carefully, students may also satisfy additional major, minor, and general education requirements specified by the receiving college. This will greatly reduce the likelihood of taking courses at one institution that do not apply toward the completion of a bachelor's degree. Students planning to transfer to Albion College are encouraged to work with academic advisors at both Albion College and their current institution in order to learn how they can make the most of their academic experience.

In order to complete a MTA, students must successfully complete at least 30 credits from an approved list of courses at a sending institution with at least a grade of 2.0 (C) in each course. A list of approved MTA courses listed by institution can be found [here](#). These credits, which will be certified by a sending institution, should be met according to the following distributions:

- One course in English Composition or one course in Communications
- One course in Mathematics
- Two courses in Social Sciences (from two disciplines)
- Two courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines excluding studio and performance classes)
- Two courses in Natural Sciences including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines)

Note: if these courses do not add up to 30 hours then the student must take additional coursework from one of these groups.

The MTA is an excellent opportunity for students to take a group of lower-level core college courses knowing that they will transfer and apply to many of Michigan's four-year institutions. While the MTA was designed to be easy to understand, it is not meant to be a road map for self-advising. If managed properly, students can work on their MTA courses while working to satisfy other degree requirements at their eventual institution. It is important to note that the MTA is not the best fit for all programs. There are many program around the state for which the MTA is not a good fit. Students are encouraged to work with their advisors in order to select a path that is best for them.

Students who transfer from a Michigan institution with a completed MTA will have a majority of their Albion College general education requirements (Core) satisfied. A completed MTA will satisfy the following Albion College Core Requirements:

- Artistic Creation & Analysis Mode
- Historical & Cultural Analysis Mode
- Modeling & Analysis Mode
- Scientific Analysis Mode
- Textual Analysis Mode
- Divisional Requirements

The following Albion College Core Requirements would be required in addition to the MTA and must be completed at Albion College:

- Environmental Category Requirement
- Ethnicity Category Requirement

- Gender Category Requirement
- Global Category Requirement
- Writing Competence Exam

Students must have their transcripts evaluated and endorsed as “MTA Satisfied” by a community college. Check with your community college Registrar’s Office or Counseling Office to find out how to request a MTA transcript evaluation.

Students who do not complete the entire MTA will receive a course by course evaluation of their transfer credit, which may result in needing additional Albion College Core courses. Individual course equivalencies can be found [here](#).

NOTE: In December of 2013, Albion College signed the Michigan Transfer Agreement to participate as a receiving institution. The MACRAO organization is leading implementation of the MTA, which will take effect for community college students who begin their studies in the fall 2014 semester. Students who started prior to fall 2014 will be able to complete the existing MACRAO Agreement at participating colleges until the end of the summer 2019. Irrespective of time, Albion College will continue to honor the MACRAO Agreement whenever a student’s transcript shows that the MACRAO Agreement was previously satisfied.

Important/Helpful Links:

MACRAO website for the Michigan Transfer Agreement: <https://www.macrao.org/Publications/MTA.asp>

MTA Signatory Institutions:

<https://www.macrao.org/Publications/Michigan%20Transfer%20Agreement%20Signatory%20Institutions.pdf>

Member Institution MTA Information: <https://www.macrao.org/mcm.asp?floor=4>

Student FAQ about the MTA: <https://www.macrao.org/Publications/MTA%20Student%20FAQ.pdf>

Michigan Transfer Network: <https://www.michigantransfernetnetwork.org/>

Questions? Contact the Registrar’s Office at Registrar@albion.edu