

School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Bachelor of Fine Arts with Emphasis in Art Education
Information for Transfer Students with 45-60 Transfer Credit Hours

Transferring into SAIC for the BFAAE program? Interested in becoming a Visual Arts teacher in public schools after graduating? Then this information is for you!

FACTS:

*The BFAAE program is a BFA degree, and is an Illinois State Board of Education teacher licensure state-approved program. Completion of the BFAAE degree program leads to eligibility for the Illinois Professional Educator License to teach Visual Arts (grades Pre-K - 12) in public school classrooms in Illinois.

*The program is 2-years in length. Students enrolled at SAIC typically apply to the BFAAE program in the spring of sophomore year. Once accepted, they can begin the Art Education (Teacher Preparation) courses in the fall of Junior year. There are 7 required courses; students take two classes each semester with the exception of the final course, which is the student teaching requirement called Apprentice Teaching. While taking ARTED classes you will also take other required degree classes in Art History, Liberal Arts and Studio.

How Does a Transfer student join the BFAAE program? Depending on how many transfer credits you have, and if you will be starting at SAIC in a Fall or Spring semester, will determine when you would join the Art Education BFAAE program. Again, this program is a 7-course program. To learn more...

Contact the Art Education Licensure Specialist as Soon as Possible!

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The Art Education Department works with students to determine when the transfer student can join the program, based on different factors. All applicants transferring into SAIC with 45 to 60 hours of credit to transfer (approximately 3 – 4 semesters worth) should contact the Art Education Department *Licensure Specialist*, upon receiving notice of admission to SAIC. The Licensure Specialist will discuss specific program requirements and the timeline for transfer students to join the BFAAE program.

Teaching and Licensure in Other States: While Teacher licensure is not automatically transferred between states, completion of a state-approved program is a plus. When applying in other states, you can indicate you completed our state-approved program. In general, once you have an education degree you should not need to complete another degree program in another state to teach Visual Arts in public schools. If you want to teach in other states outside of Illinois, you should review licensure requirements in other states before you complete the program, and you can contact the Art Education Licensure Specialist for general clarification.