

Elgin Community College

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) – Machine Tool Technology

Transfer guide to the [University of Northern Iowa](#)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) – Automation Engineering Technology

1. When will I graduate?

Students transferring to UNI from this A.A.S. program at Elgin should **expect to complete 77 credits at UNI**. Assuming that the student is starting at UNI during the fall semester, it will take roughly five semesters (two and a half years, a fall/spring/fall/spring/fall sequence), with no summer coursework, to graduate.

Transfer Credit Summary	Credits
A.A.S. credits transferring directly into UNI program	18
Other credits transferring to UNI (Gen eds or electives)	25
Total credits transferring towards UNI degree	43
Total credits needed at UNI	77 (120 total)

2. Which A.A.S. courses transfer directly into the AET major?

Upon completion of this A.A.S. degree, the following courses within the listed program at UNI will be completed:

- TECH 1010 – Fundamentals of Metal Removal (3 cred.)
- TECH 1024 – Engineering Design with CAD (3 cred.)
- TECH 4162 – Hydraulics & Pneumatics (3 cred.)
- AET Electives (9 cred.)

3. Which A.A.S. courses transfer directly to UNI as “gen eds” or electives?

Other courses built into this A.A.S. curriculum, or open electives, will also transfer to UNI. The following courses are required to complete at Elgin as part of this A.A.S. curriculum:

- Communications course (3 cred.)
 - **ENG 101** – English Composition I & **ENG 102** – English Composition II
 - Students must complete ENG 101 & ENG 102 at Elgin to meet the UNIFI Written Communication requirement at UNI.
- Humanities/Fine Arts course (3 cred.)
 - Students should complete **HUM 216** – Ethics at Elgin.
- Social/Behavioral Science course (3 cred.)
 - Students should complete **PSY 100** – Intro to Psychology or **SOC 100** – Principles of Sociology at Elgin.
- Additional university electives transferring (16 cred.)



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4. What would I study at UNI?

By completing the recommended A.A.S. degree plan, the student would be required to complete the courses in black, listed below, at UNI.

Math/Science Coursework		Cr.
CS 1160	C/C++ Programming	3
MATH 1150 or MATH 1420	Calculus for Technology or Calculus I	4
PHYSICS 1511	General Physics I	4
STAT 1772	Intro to Statistical Methods	3
Total Credits Remaining		14

Technical Core		Cr.
ENGR 1000	Intro. to Eng. & Prof. Practices	3
TECH 1010	Fund. of Metal Removal	3
TECH 1024	Engineering Design with CAD	3
TECH 1037	Introduction to Circuits	3
TECH 1039	Circuits & Systems	3
PHIL 1560	Science, Technology & Ethics	3
TECH 2053	Digital Electronics	4
TECH 2055	Elec. Power Systems & Mach.	4
TECH 2065	Industrial Robotics	3
ENGR 2080	Statics	2
ENGR 2180	Strengths of Materials	2
TECH 3147	Computer-Aided Manufacturing	3
TECH 3148	Machine Design	3
TECH 3160	Comp.-Aided Instru. & Inter.	3
TECH 3164	Prog. Logic Controllers	3
TECH 4162	Hydraulics & Pneumatics	3
ENGR 4500	Senior Design	3
ENGLISH 3772	Tech. Writing for Eng. Tech.	3
	AET Electives	9
Total Credits Remaining		42

UNI Foundational Inquiry (UNIFI)		Cr.
WR – Written Communication		3
OC - Oral Communication		3
QR – Quantitative Reasoning		3
HD – Human Condition (Domestic)		3
HG - Human Condition (Global)		3
SR – Scientific Reasoning (with Lab)		4
HE - Human Expression		3
RE – Responsibility		3
UNIFI certificate or UNIFI electives		12
Total UNIFI Credits Remaining		21

Credits needed to earn UNI degree	77
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5. How would I complete my degree?

Based on the remaining coursework, below is a semester-by-semester breakdown of how the student would complete any remaining requirements at UNI.

Fall 1	Cr.
CS 1160	3
PHYSICS 1511	4
ENGR 1000	3
TECH 1037	3
UNIFI course	3
Total	16

Spring 1	Cr.
MATH 1150	4
TECH 1039	3
ENGLISH 3772	3
UNIFI course	3
UNIFI course	3
Total	16

Fall 2	Cr.
STAT 1772	3
TECH 2053	4
TECH 2065	3
ENGR 2080	2
UNIFI course	3
Total	15

Spring 2	Cr.
TECH 2055	4
ENGR 2180	2
TECH 3147	3
TECH 3160	3
TECH 3164	3
Total	15

Fall 3	Cr.
TECH 3148	3
ENGR 4500	3
UNIFI course	3
UNIFI course	3
UNIFI course	3
Total	15

Other Important Information

- This transfer guide is based off the 2025-2026 academic catalogs at UNI & Elgin Community College.
- Courses listed in the Remaining UNI Plan of Study (section 5) are subject to change at any time. This plan assumes transfer students start in the fall semester.
- This transfer guide assumes the student is only transferring in coursework from this A.A.S. degree plan. Students **may transfer additional credits to UNI**, which will be evaluated on an individual basis.
- The UNI Foundational Inquiry (UNIFI) at UNI is the collection of general education courses required by the institution to fulfill the university's mission. For more information, visit [unifi.uni.edu](#).