

GENERAL TRANSFER

Exploratory

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTION

If a student plans to earn a college degree but has not yet decided on a major, COCC identifies the student as “exploratory,” which aligns with the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree plan. The AAOT degree is used for exploratory students because it provides a guideline of courses that meet bachelor’s degree general education requirements at Oregon public universities. The AAOT degree does not include all bachelor degree requirements for freshmen and sophomores, and it does not include requirements for COCC’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. For these reasons, it is important for exploratory students to work actively to identify an educational goal.

Some exploratory students may choose to declare the Associate of General Studies degree which allows students to self-design a program to meet individual needs. However, it is not designed to meet bachelor’s degree general education requirements as the AAOT degree, nor does it align with workforce training and skills as the AAS degrees. Again, it is important for exploratory students to work actively to identify an educational goal.

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

None

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

General Education/Foundational

Health

3 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix ¹ 3

Mathematics

MTH 105 Math in Society (or higher) 4

Oral Communication

Choose one course from the following:	3-4
SP 111 Fundamentals Public Speaking	
SP 114 Argumentation & Discourse	
SP 115 Intro Intercultural Commun	
SP 218 Interpersonal Communication	
SP 219 Small Group Communication	

Writing

WR 121 Academic Composition	4
WR 122 Argument, Research and Multimodal Composition	4
or WR 227 Technical Writing	

General Education/Discipline Studies

One course must be designated as Cultural Literacy.

Arts and Letters

Choose at least three courses from at least two prefixes 9-12

Social Science

Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes 12-16

Science/Math/Computer Science

Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes including at least three laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science 12-20

Electives

Choose any course numbered 100 or above that brings the total credits to 90 quarter hours² 39

Total Credits 90-106

¹ HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.

² This may include up to 12 credits of Career and Technical Education courses designated by COCC as acceptable.

ADVISING NOTES

COCC recommends that students use several strategies to ensure good decisions about educational goals. Many COCC resources are available to assist.

- Take HD 110 Career Planning, a 3-credit course offered every term.
- Visit with the Career Services Coordinator in CAP Services.
- Discuss options with your academic advisor and faculty members in departments that interest you.

COCC uses the AAOT and AGS degrees to provide exploratory students with a framework, but students should change their declared major when they make a decision. Initially, the GradTracks audit will present the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer requirements but students should be aware that these guidelines are preliminary. Students can explore other COCC programs by using the "What If" option on the GradTracks menu. Give yourself a timeline within which to make a decision. Many universities require students to declare their major within their first 90 credits, but large majors such as engineering, science and business, should be declared in the first 45 credits. CTE programs that lead directly to employment typically don't have elective credits, so the earlier students make a decision, the better.

Nearly all bachelor's degrees are either a bachelor of arts (BA) or a bachelor of science (BS). Students pursuing a BA usually need to complete two years of a world language (the 200-level language courses may be applied to the arts and letters requirement in Discipline Studies.) Students pursuing a BS should consider taking more math and science courses. Students should refer to the transfer college's degree requirements for details.

Undeclared Transfer**Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer****FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTION**

If a student plans to transfer in order to earn a bachelor's degree at another college or university but has not yet decided on a major, COCC

identifies the student as "undeclared transfer." This goal aligns with the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree plan because it provides a guideline of courses that meet bachelor's degree general education requirements at Oregon public universities. The AAOT degree does not include all bachelor degree requirements for freshmen and sophomores; it is important for undeclared transfer students to work actively with an academic advisor to identify a specific transfer goal.

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

None

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**Academic Requirements**

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS**General Education/Foundational****Health**

3 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix¹ 3

Mathematics

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Associate of General Studies

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

For students who are not pursuing specific transfer or Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, the Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree provides an alternative to pursue a broad general education and accomplish personal educational goals. It is important for a student to work closely with an advisor in designing a course plan for this degree.

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

None

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

General Education/Foundational

Digital Literacy

CIS 120	Computer Concepts (or pass competency exam)	4
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Health

4 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix ¹	4
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Mathematics

MTH 020	Pre-Algebra (or higher) ²	4
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or WR 227	Technical Writing	

General Education/ Discipline Studies

Arts and Letters	3-4
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Choose one course from the Disciplines Studies list

Physical/ Biological Lab Science	3-5
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Choose one course from the Disciplines Studies list

Social Science	3-4
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Choose one course from the Disciplines Studies list

Cultural Literacy	3-4
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Choose one course from the Disciplines Studies list

Electives	55
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Choose enough elective credits to reach a minimum total of 90 overall degree credits³

Total Credit 90-96

¹ HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.

² Except MTH 188 Special Studies: Mathematics, MTH 198 Practicum in Mathematics and MTH 199 Selected Topics: Mathematics.

³ Cannot include reading, writing, or math classes below the 100-level.

ADVISING NOTES

Advantages

- The AGS awards a degree for completion of college-level coursework in core skills and general education and allows students flexibility to customize more than half of the degree's required number of credits.

It can be used to enhance employment, meet sponsoring agency requirements and/or meet unusual baccalaureate requirements.

Considerations

- The AGS degree is not transferrable as a whole and does not meet certification requirements for any Career and Technical Education (CTE) area.
- The AGS degree does not guarantee that a student will meet all lower-division general education and major requirements; however, with careful academic advising and in consideration of transfer institution requirements, the AGS degree may be designed to do so.

General OSU Transfer Emphasis

Associate of Science

FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTION

The AS (Oregon State University emphasis) degree is intended to give students who are confident they will finish their bachelor's degree at either OSU, Corvallis or OSU, Cascades a framework to directly meet OSU's general education (called "baccalaureate core" at OSU) requirements. Those students who are not certain that they will complete their degree at OSU or those who have fewer remaining requirements with the AAOT degree may be better served by the Associate of Arts degree which guarantees progress toward the general education core requirements at all Oregon public universities.

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

None

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Baccalaureate Core

Fitness	HHP 295 Health and Fitness	3
Mathematics	One course from the Mathematics list ¹	4
Writing I	WR 121 Academic Composition	4
Writing II	One course from the WR II list ¹	3-4
Writing III	One course from the WR III list ¹	3-4

Perspectives Courses^{1,2}

Choose one course in each of the following categories:

Physical Science¹	4-5
Biological Science¹	4-5

Physical or Biological Science

Choose one additional course from the Physical Science or Biological Science lists ¹	4-5
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Western Culture¹	3-4
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Cultural Diversity¹	4
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Literature and the Arts¹	3-4
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Social Processes and Institutions¹	3-4
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Difference, Power and Discrimination¹	4
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Electives	44
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Choose enough elective credits from the following list to reach a minimum of 90 overall degree units³

Total Credits 90-98

¹ Select from the appropriate category in the OSU Baccalaureate Core course list in the COCC catalog.

² No more than two courses (or lecture/lab combinations) from any one department may be used by a student to satisfy the Perspectives category of the core. GEO courses listed under Physical Science are considered to be from a different department than GEO courses listed under any other Perspective category.

³ Electives must be numbered 100 or higher (with a maximum of 12 Career and Technical Education (CTE) credits).

ADVISING NOTES

Students are highly recommended to include lower division major requirements and their BA/BS requirements in their first 90 credits. Many OSU majors require a significant number of lower division courses, and some programs (such as engineering, computer science and business) require completion of these courses before students may continue to upper division courses. Students who do not complete these requirements in their first 90 credits may find that they cannot complete their bachelor's degree in two years after completion of this AS degree nor in the minimum total of 180 credits.

This information reflects an accurate picture of OSU requirements at the time of approval, using the OSU catalog, advisors and web resources for consultation. However, degree requirements can and do change. OSU has made no guarantee about the accuracy of requirements in this AS degree; determination of transfer status is made on an individual course basis at the point of admission to OSU.

Timing

OSU recommends the following plan for timing your baccalaureate core requirements.

First Year:

- Complete Writing 1 (WR 121 Academic Composition, C- or better), Speech and Math (required in first 45 OSU credits)
- Begin Perspectives courses
- Consider a Difference, Power and Discrimination (DPD) or Fitness course

Second Year:

- Complete Writing II (required in first 90 OSU credits)
- Continue Perspectives courses
- Completed Difference, Power and Discrimination (DPD) and Fitness course requirements

Notes for Majors from the College of Liberal Arts (CLA)

At Cascades campus, this includes majors such as American Studies, Liberal Studies, Psychology and Social Science.

- Generally, double dipping is not allowed.
- CLA majors have a Liberal Arts Core requirement (5 courses, at least 15 credits).
- Students are encouraged to include the BA or BS requirements in their lower division courses.

Requirements for a BA or BS Degree, Other Requirements

Following are considerations for students working on their BA/BS requirement.

- Nearly all degrees at OSU are either BA (Bachelor of Arts) or BS (Bachelor of Science) degrees.
- Some majors offer both BA and BS options, and some only offer one option.
- BS requirements are included in major curriculum for all degrees that are in colleges outside of the College of Liberal Arts.
- A major will either allow students to "double dip" (use a course to meet two requirements, such as a major requirement and a BA/BS or baccalaureate core requirement) or will prohibit double dipping.
- Usually, majors that allow double dipping will require specific courses that can be used in both the major and the BA/BS or baccalaureate core.