

Liberal Arts/Liberal Studies

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTION

The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree meets the state of Oregon transfer degree requirements, allowing students to transfer to an Oregon public university and some out-of-state universities having met all lower-division general education requirements. With appropriate course planning, all lower-division major requirements may also be met. Students should work closely with an advisor to select the best degree option and to review specific transfer requirements.

Liberal studies, also known as liberal arts, is a program of study in higher education that varies between institutions but generally encompasses a broad array of arts and letters, social science, and science courses. As a major, liberal studies frequently encourages connections between the disciplines and includes a focus on strong communication and critical thinking skills. Some schools define a variety of liberal studies choices for students, while others, like Oregon State University-Cascades, support students to self-design a major around a theme. This major is a good choice for students who have specific career or personal goals, who enjoy a wide range of disciplines, and who appreciate the flexibility provided. The flexibility in the degree makes it difficult to provide guidance without identifying a transfer institution. For this reason, students should check with each school to ensure that the latest transfer information is used when designing their program. The guidance below focuses on general education requirements and using electives to meet BA/BS requirement and begin to build a theme.

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

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

9-12

Choose at least three courses from at least two prefixes

Social Science

12-16

Choose at least four courses from at least two prefixes

Science/Math/Computer Science

12-20

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

Electives

39

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

Total Credits 90-106

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

ADVISING NOTES

Students are encouraged to consider meeting BA or BS requirements for their transfer institution in the first two years. This requirement varies, but frequently the BA requirement is one or two years of a foreign language and the BS requirement is additional math (or math, science and computer science).

In choosing electives, students should consider their future liberal studies theme.