

**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<sup>1</sup> 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

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**Electives**

Choose any college-level course that brings the total credits to 39

90 quarter hours<sup>2</sup>

**Total Credits 90-106**

<sup>1</sup> HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.

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

**ADVISING NOTES**

Most law schools have no requirements for a pre-law curriculum and will accept a bachelor's degree in any major. Students should develop an educational program that is broad, yet provides depth of understanding in at least one subject area, along with fundamental insights into human institutions and values. The emphasis should be on a degree program that meets students' needs and interests, that students find challenging and in which students will do their best work and will earn good grades.

Legal educators agree that the development of particular skills and habits will contribute more to success in law school than a major in any one subject. Therefore, coursework should focus on strengthening habits of thoroughness, intellectual curiosity, scholarship, the ability to research a topic, write concisely, analyze information and think critically. Verbal and written communication skills are very important.

Courses in literature, language, composition, logic and linguistics are directly concerned with the cultivation of these skills. In addition, lawyers must be adept at problem solving and organizing information to support a point of view. Courses in political science, economics, American and British history, journalism, philosophy and business principles will provide an opportunity to practice these skills and to gain an understanding of social institutions and values.

**SOCIOLOGY**

**Pre-Law**

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

**FOCUS AREA DESCRIPTION**

Law school is graduate level study that does builds on a bachelor's degree but does not require a specific major. The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) with a focus in pre-law includes courses that are useful to a pre-law student and meets lower division general education requirements at all Oregon public universities. Students are encouraged to combine this focus with preparation for a major that they find interesting and challenging and that develops skills in research and writing, problem solving, oral communication and listening, organization and exposure to law.

**PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

None

Students pursuing a BA after transfer should consider completing three terms of a 200-level language course. The 100-level language courses will count as electives. The 200-level language courses will partially fulfill the Arts and Letters requirement.

Students pursuing a BS after transfer should consider taking more math and science courses. Language is not necessary. For specific details, speak with an advisor.