

PRE-LAW

Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree
90 credits

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.

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.

The following is a suggested course of study for students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in pre-law.

Students should check with each school to ensure that the latest transfer information is used when designing their program.

All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

GENERAL EDUCATION/FOUNDATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**Writing**

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

Oral Communication

SP 111 or SP 114 or SP 115 or SP 218 or SP 219	Fundamentals of Public Speaking Argumentation and Critical Discourse Introduction to Intercultural Communication Interpersonal Communication Small Group Communication	3-4
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Mathematics

MTH 105 (or higher)	Math in Society	4
Recommend:		
MTH 111	College Algebra	

Health (3 credits with HHP prefix)		3
HHP activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated		

GENERAL EDUCATION/DISCIPLINE STUDIES

See the Discipline Studies list for options. One of the courses must be designated on the list as a cultural literacy course.

Arts and Letters 9-12

At least three (3) courses from at least two (2) prefixes.

Social Science 12-16

At least four (4) courses from at least two (2) prefixes.

Science/Math/Computer Science 12-20

At least four (4) courses from at least two (2) prefixes including at least three (3) laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science.

ELECTIVES

Choose any college-level course that brings the total credits to 90 quarter hours. This may include up to 12 credits of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses designated by COCC as acceptable.

ADVISING NOTES

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.