

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS OREGON TRANSFER DEGREE WORKSHEET

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

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and must complete a total of 90 credits at the time the AAOT is awarded. Individual courses may only be used to fulfill one requirement.

Note: Both foundational requirements and Discipline Studies courses listed below must be a minimum of three (3) credits except for HHP which may be any number of credits. All elective courses may be any number of credits.

### GENERAL EDUCATION Foundational Requirements (Courses numbered 199 or 299 will not fulfill Foundational Requirements.)

**Writing** - minimum of 8 credits

WR 121 \_\_\_\_\_ cr  
 WR 122 or WR 227 \_\_\_\_\_ cr

**Oral Communication**

SP 111, 114, 115, 218 or 219 \_\_\_\_\_ cr

**Mathematics**

MTH 105 or higher \_\_\_\_\_ cr

**Health** - 3 credits with HHP prefix

Identical HHP activity courses (1 credit) can only be counted once in this section.

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### GENERAL EDUCATION Discipline Studies

Discipline Studies courses are listed on pages 46 and 47. Courses numbered 199 or 299 will not fulfill Discipline Studies requirements.

One of the courses must be a cultural literacy course, designated with an asterisk (\*). Please check the box of the course that meets the cultural literacy (CL) requirement.

**Arts and Letters**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  CL \_\_\_\_\_ cr  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  CL \_\_\_\_\_ cr

**Social Science**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  CL \_\_\_\_\_ cr  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  CL \_\_\_\_\_ cr  
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**Science/Math/Computer Science**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ w/lab \_\_\_\_\_ cr  
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### ELECTIVES

Choose any course numbered 100 or above that brings the total credits to 90 quarter hours. This may include up to 12 credits of Career and Technical Education courses designated by COCC as acceptable (see page 45 for list).

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**TOTAL CREDITS FOR AAOT DEGREE**

(90 credits) \_\_\_\_\_

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### About this degree option

Most students who intend to transfer will find that the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree suits their needs as it is intended to meet the lower-division general education requirements for all Oregon public universities and some private colleges. The AAOT allows students to transfer with junior standing for registration purposes. Course, class standing or GPA requirements for specific majors, departments or schools are not necessarily satisfied by an AAOT degree.

The AAOT degree is not associated with a major, and is awarded as "Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer." However, COCC provides specific focus areas (psychology, geology, etc.) within the degree that can assist students with selecting courses that align with the student's intended program of study and the degree requirements of the baccalaureate institution to which the student plans to transfer. Students are encouraged to work closely with an advisor in the selection of courses.

Students may transfer prior to receiving an AAOT degree. However, they risk losing credits that are normally accepted within the degree or may fall short on the transfer institution's general education requirements.

### Advantages

The AAOT is easily transferrable and is well suited for many "undecided" students. The principal advantage of the AAOT is that it fulfills the lower-division (freshman/sophomore) general education requirements for the baccalaureate degrees at all Oregon public universities. It guarantees that all general education credits that a student earned will be accepted as the general education requirements at the transfer institution.

Colleges which accept the COCC AAOT degree besides Oregon's public universities include Evergreen State College (WA), Pacific Lutheran University (WA), Washington State University (WA), Concordia College (OR), George Fox College (OR), Linfield College (OR), Pacific University (OR), Marylhurst College (OR), University of Portland (OR), Warner Pacific College (OR) and Willamette University (OR).

### Considerations

No formal agreements exist for this degree to meet foundational and general education requirements at out-of-state colleges, although courses for COCC's AAOT degree parallel many of them. Students transferring to an Oregon public university should review any world language and specialty course requirements of the transfer institution.

In some cases, students may also be able to use AAOT General Education courses to meet certain lower-division requirements in their intended majors. Caution is required, however, since the AAOT degree was not intended for this purpose. Students who have a major in mind, and also want to maximize the amount of AAOT coursework that will count toward it, should work closely with an academic advisor.

Because the amount of coursework required for an AAOT degree corresponds to two academic years, degree recipients are considered juniors for purposes of registration at Oregon public universities. However, the AAOT does not guarantee that two additional years will suffice to earn a baccalaureate degree. This is because the AAOT does not give students junior-standing in their majors. Neither does it guarantee entrance into a competitive major. Students may need to take additional introductory work to prepare for certain majors and should check with an advisor regarding availability at their local community colleges. In addition, it is common for students to change their majors and many find that they must take introductory work in the new area.

Students and academic advisors should recognize that although the AAOT provides an excellent structure for many students—particularly those who are unsure of their primary academic focus—it is not ideal for everyone. In particular, it does not articulate well with certain majors such as engineering, biological and physical sciences, and the fine and performing arts. Students contemplating these majors cannot easily accommodate their highly specific prerequisite coursework into the AAOT framework. In general, an AAOT recipient who is pursuing any course of study that is credit-heavy at the major lower-division level may have to take additional lower-division coursework, specific to the major after transfer.