

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS/OREGON TRANSFER (AA/OT)

The Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer (AA/OT) degree is a program of study that community college students can follow to fulfill all their lower division general education requirements for a bachelor's degree at Oregon Public Universities. Completion of the AA/OT degree can lead to junior standing, for registration purposes, for any student admitted to a public university in Oregon (University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology and Eastern Oregon University).

The AA/OT does not necessarily meet specific institutional, departmental, or major requirements with regard to courses or grade point average. Students may transfer between 90 and 124 community college credits to four-year Oregon public institutions. Students should plan carefully with the four-year institution to which they plan to transfer in order to meet individual institutional requirements. Students considering transfer to private and out-of-state institutions will find the AA/OT to be excellent preparation for upper division study. Please contact the University Center (<https://www.socc.edu/uc>) for specific transfer requirements.

Upon enrolling at Southwestern, students need to be ready for college-level mathematics, writing and science in order to complete the AA/OT in two years. If students lack the necessary skills, Southwestern offers excellent developmental courses and tutorial assistance to help them get on track quickly.

The AA/OT degree is designed for students planning to transfer into a bachelor's degree program at an Oregon public university. These universities accept the AA/OT as a "block transfer," enabling a student to enter with junior standing having all of the transfer school's lower division general education requirements met. The AA/OT offers students the flexibility to choose courses that interest them while fulfilling requirements at their transfer schools.

Several Oregon private institutions and a limited number of out-of-state institutions also accept the AA/OT. These include Concordia University, Pacific University, Warner Pacific College, George Fox University and Marylhurst University in the Portland area, as well as Western Baptist College, BYU - Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific University, Boise State University, Seattle Pacific University, and Washington State University.

It is important to note that the AA/OT may not be the best degree option for all majors. Students should consult advisors in their major areas for educational planning related to required courses in their majors.

Graduation Requirements

Complete a minimum of 90 credit hours, distributed across general education categories listed below. All courses must be passed with a grade of 'C' or better. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the time the AA/OT is awarded. Twenty-four (24) credits must be completed at Southwestern before the AA/OT degree is awarded.

Successfully complete the following courses (except for elective credits) from the list of approved general education courses for the AA/OT degree.

Students may take any college-level course that would bring total credits to 90 quarter hours, including up to 12 credits of college-designated

career and technical education (CTE) courses. Note: Some courses are considered career technical courses and have limitations within this degree, they are designated with "CTE" next to the course number in the Course Descriptions area of this catalog. A maximum of nine (9) credits of PE185 sport/activity courses may be applied to the AA/OT degree.

Courses that are developmental in nature (designed to prepare students for college transfer courses) are not applicable to this degree.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

Foundational Requirements

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

Writing

Three (3) courses from:

Code	Title	Credits
WR121	English Composition	3
or WR121H	English Composition w/Honors	
WR122	English Composition	3
or WR122H	English Composition w/Honors	
WR123	English Composition	3
WR227	Report Writing	3

Mathematics

One (1) course from:

Code	Title	Credits
MTH105	Math in Society (with a prerequisite of MTH98)	4
MTH111	College Algebra (or higher with a prerequisite of MTH95, excluding MTH211)	4
or MTH111H	College Algebra w/Honors	

Communication

One (1) course from:

Code	Title	Credits
SP100	Basic Speech Communications	3
SP111	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
SP218	Interpersonal Communication	3
SP219	Small Group Discussion	3

Health, Wellness and Fitness

Three (3) credits of PE185 sport/activity courses or HE250 Personal Health or PE231 Wellness for Life.

Discipline Studies Requirements

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

Arts and Letters

Three (3) courses chosen from two (2) or more disciplines:

Code	Title	Credits
ART115	Basic Design I, Intro to Elements	4
ART116	Basic Design II, Color Theory	4

ART117	Basic Design III, Intro to 3D Desgn	4
ART131	Introduction to Drawing I	3
ART132	Introduction to Drawing II	3
ART133	Introduction to Drawing III	3
ART191	Beginning Sculpture	3
ART192	Beginning Sculpture	3
ART204	History of Western Art:	3
ART205	History of Western Art:	3
ART206	History of Western Art:	3
ART225	Computer Art I	3
ART244	Bronze Casting	3
ART253	Ceramics I	3
ART256	Ceramics II	3
ART281	Painting I Beginning	3
ART282	Painting II Beginning	3
ART283	Painting III Beginning	3
ART284	Painting I Intermediate	3
ART285	Painting II Intermediate	3
ART286	Painting III Intermediate	3
ASL201	2nd Yr American Sign Language I	4
ASL202	2nd Yr American Sign Language II	4
ASL203	2nd Yr American Sign Language III	4
ENG104	Introduction to Literature Fiction	3
ENG105	Introduction to Literature Drama	3
ENG106	Introduction to Literature Poetry	3
ENG107	World Literature	3
or ENG107H	World Literature w/Honors	
ENG108	World Literature	3
ENG109	World Literature	3
ENG201	Shakespeare	3
ENG204	Survey of English Literature	3
or ENG204H	Survey of English Lit w/Honors	
ENG205	Survey of English Literature	3
ENG206	Survey of English Literature	3
HUM204	World Mythlgy & Religion	3
HUM205	World Mythlgy & Religion	3
HUM206	World Mythlgy & Religion	3
J203	Writing for Media I	3
J205	Writing for Media II	3
J215	Publishing Lab	3
MUS101	Music Fundamentals	3
MUS111	Music Theory I	3
MUS112	Music Theory II	3
MUS113	Music Theory III	3
MUS201	Intro to Music and its Literature	3
MUS202	Intro to Music and its Literature	3
MUS203	Intro to Music and its Literature	3
MUS205	Intro to Jazz History	3
MUS206	Intro to History of Rock and Roll	3
MUS211	Advanced Music Theory I	3
MUS212	Advanced Music Theory II	3
MUS213	Advanced Music Theory III	3
PHL101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHL102	Ethics	3
PHL103	Intro to Logic and Critical Thnkg	3
SP100	Basic Speech Communications	3
SP111	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
SP218	Interpersonal Communication	3
SP219	Small Group Discussion	3
SP220	Gender and Communication	3
SPAN201	Second Year Spanish	4
SPAN202	Second Year Spanish	4
SPAN203	Second Year Spanish	4
WR241	Imaginative Creative Writing	3
WR242	Imaginative Writing Poetry Writing	3
WR243	Imaginative Writing Explorations	3

Social Sciences		
Four (4) courses chosen from two (2) or more disciplines:		
Code	Title	Credits
ANTH101	Physical Anthropology and Evolution	3
ANTH102	Introduction to Archaeology	3
ANTH221	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH222	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH223	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH224	Intro to Medical Anthropology	3
ANTH230	Native North Americans: Oregon	3
ANTH231	Native North Americans: PNW	3
ANTH232	Native North Americans	3
CJ101	Intro to Criminology	4
ECON201	Microeconomics	4
ECON202	Macroeconomics	4
ED169	Overview of Student Special Needs	3
ED258	Multicultural Education	3
ENV110	Introduction Environmental Science	3
GEOG105	Cultural Geography	3
HDFS140	Contemporary American Families	3
HDFS222	Family Relations	3
HDFS229	Development in Middle Childhood	3
HDFS247	Preschool Child Development	3
HST101	History of Western Civilization	3
HST102	History of Western Civilization	3
HST103	History of Western Civilization	3
HST104	History of the Middle East	3
HST201	History of the United States	3
HST202	History of the United States	3
HST203	History of the United States	3
HST240	Hist of Oregon and the South Coast	3
PS201	American Government Political	3
PS202	American Government Policy Issues	3
PS203	Local Politics and Government	3
PSY100	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSY201	General Psychology	3
or PSY201H	General Psychology w/Honors	

PSY202	General Psychology	3
or PSY202H	General Psychology w/Honors	
PSY203	General Psychology	3
or PSY203H	General Psychology w/Honors	
PSY216	Social Psychology	3
PSY228	Introduction to Social Science	3
PSY231	Human Sexuality	3
PSY237	Life Span Development	3
PSY239	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY243	Drugs and Behavior	3
SOC105	Introduction to Criminology	4
SOC204	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC205	Social Institutions and Change	3
SOC206	Social Problems and Issues	3
SOC208	Sociology of Sport	3
SOC210	Marriage and Family	3
SOC213	Racial and Ethnic Relations	3
WS101	Introduction to Women's Studies	3

Science/Mathematics/Computer Science

Four (4) courses from two (2) or more disciplines including at least three (3) laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science.

Laboratory Courses

Code	Title	Credits
BI101	General Biology	4
BI102	General Biology	4
BI103	General Biology	4
BI142	Habitats: Marine Biology	4
BI201	Introductory Biology	4
BI202	Introductory Biology	4
BI203	Introductory Biology	4
BI231	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BI232	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BI233	Human Anatomy and Physiology III	4
BI234	Microbiology	4
CHEM221	General Chemistry I	5
CHEM222	General Chemistry II	5
CHEM223	General Chemistry III	5
CHEM245	Organic Chemistry I	4
CHEM246	Organic Chemistry II	4
CHEM247	Organic Chemistry III	4
ENV235	Introduction to Soil Science	4
G201	Physical Geology I	4
G202	Physical Geology II	4
G203	Historical Geology	4
GS104	Physical Science	4
GS105	Physical Science	4
GS106	Introduction to Earth Science	4
GS107	Astronomy	4
GS108	Oceanography	4
PH201	Gen Physics I: Mechanics	5
PH202	Gen Physics II: Heat, Waves, Rel	5

PH203	Gen Physics III: Elect & Magnetism	5
PH211	Gen Physics w/Calculus I	5
PH212	Gen Physics w/Calculus II	5
PH213	Gen Physics w/Calculus III	5

Other Approved Courses

Code	Title	Credits
BI140	Practical Ecology	3
BI149	Introduction to Human Genetics	3
CHEM110	Found of Gen, Organic & Biochem	4
or CHEM110H	Fnds of Gen, Org & Biochem w/Honors	
CS160	Computer Science Orientation	4
CS161	Introduction to Computer Science I	4
CS162	Introduction to Computer Science II	4
CS261	Data Structures	4
ENV110	Introduction Environmental Science	3
G146	Geology of Southwestern Oregon	3
G207	Geology of the Pacific Northwest	3
G221	General Geology	3
G246	Geological Hazards	3
MTH105	Math in Society	4
MTH111	College Algebra	4
or MTH111H	College Algebra w/Honors	
MTH112	Trigonometry	4
or MTH112H	Trigonometry w/Honors	
MTH212	Fundamentals of Elementary	4
MTH213	Fundamentals of Elementary	4
MTH231	Elements of Discrete Mathematics I	4
MTH232	Elements of Discrete Mathematics II	4
MTH241	Calculus for Bus and Soc Science I	4
MTH242	Calculus for Bus and Soc Science II	4
MTH243	Intro to Probability and Statistics	4
MTH251	Calculus I Differential Calculus	4
or MTH251H	Calculus I w/Honors	
MTH252	Calculus II Integral Calculus	4
or MTH252H	Calculus II w/Honors	
MTH253	Calculus III	4
or MTH253H	Calculus III w/Honors	
MTH254	Vector Calculus I	4
MTH255	Vector Calculus II	4
MTH256	Differential Equations	4
MTH260	Matrix Methods and Linear Algebra	4

Cultural Literacy

Students must select one course from any of the discipline studies that is designated as meeting the statewide criteria for cultural literacy. Courses below meet the Cultural Literacy requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH221	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH222	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH223	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH224	Intro to Medical Anthropology	3

ANTH230	Native North Americans: Oregon	3
ANTH231	Native North Americans: PNW	3
ANTH232	Native North Americans	3
ED258	Multicultural Education	3
ENG107	World Literature	3
or ENG107H	World Literature w/Honors	
ENG108	World Literature	3
ENG109	World Literature	3
GEOG105	Cultural Geography	3
HDFS140	Contemporary American Families	3
HUM204	World Mythlgy & Religion	3
HUM205	World Mythlgy & Religion	3
HUM206	World Mythlgy & Religion	3
HST104	History of the Middle East	3
MUS205	Intro to Jazz History	3
MUS206	Intro to History of Rock and Roll	3
PSY216	Social Psychology	3
PSY231	Human Sexuality	3
SOC208	Sociology of Sport	3
SOC210	Marriage and Family	3
SOC213	Racial and Ethnic Relations	3
SP220	Gender and Communication	3
WS101	Introduction to Women's Studies	3

Electives

- All courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.
- Students may take any college-level course that would bring total credits to 90 quarter hours including up to 12 credits of college designated Career and Technical Education courses.
- A maximum of nine (9) credits of any PE185 sport/activity courses may be applied to the AA/OT degree.
- Three (3) credit hours of PE185 may be granted toward the AA/OT degree for completion of military basic training. A copy of the military transcript or DD-214 is required.
- Courses numbered 199/299 will qualify as elective credit only.

Supportive Courses

Note: The College has determined that the following supportive courses may be necessary to assist students to successfully complete their program; they count as electives only.

Code	Title	Credits
CIS125W	Word Processing Applications	3
HD0529	Math Success	1
HD100	College Success and Survival	3
HD111	Math Success	2
HD112	Study Skills	3
HD113	Stop Test Anxiety Now	1
HD140	Career/Education Exploration	1
HD147	Decision Making	1
HD152	Stress Management	1
HD154	Self-Esteem	1
HD204	Living Consciously	3
HD215	Transfer Success	1

HD208	Career/Life Plan	3
LIB127	Navigating the 24/7 Library	1
OA121	Beginning Keyboarding	3
RD101	College Reading I	1-3
RD102	College Reading II	1-3
RD103	College Reading III	1-3

A maximum of 45 credits is allowed for basic, developmental, or supportive courses under federal financial aid guidelines.

Program Notes

- Community colleges may not add requirements at the local level. The total credits should not exceed the number required to meet these course requirements within the College's credit structure.
- Writing courses must meet the specific course outcomes as identified by Oregon Writing and English Advisory Council (OWEAC). In addition, the group of courses that is sufficient for meeting this requirement must, together, provide all of the content recommended by the OWEAC, including a research component.
- Although they are important in terms of preparation, courses that are developmental in nature are designed to prepare students for college-level work and are not counted in the 90-quarter hours required for the AA/OT.
- The "Foundational Requirements" above represent minimal skill competencies. As such, they may be open to demonstration of competency. Each community college is encouraged to establish how students may demonstrate competency in lieu of completing the course(s).
- Computer Science courses used in the Science/Math/Computer Science area must meet Oregon Council of Computer Chairs criteria for a science course. Math courses listed in the Science/Math/Computer Science area must meet the outcomes and criteria for Mathematics.
- All Foundational Requirement courses and Discipline Studies courses must meet the statewide outcomes and criteria for the specific area.
- Only second year foreign language courses may be included among courses that count toward the Arts and Letters requirement. American Sign Language (ASL) is considered a foreign language.
- WR115 may be included in the AA/OT degree as an elective.
- The principal advantage of the AA/OT is that it fulfills the lower division (freshman/sophomore) general education requirements for bachelor's degrees at all Oregon public universities. It does not necessarily meet all of the degree requirements that Oregon public universities might have beyond the requirements for majors. The AA/OT guarantees that all general education credits that a student earned will be accepted as the general education requirements at the receiving institution.
- In some cases, students may also be able to use AA/OT general education courses to meet certain lower division requirements in their intended majors. However, caution is required since the AA/OT degree was not intended for this purpose. Students who have a major in mind and also want to maximize the amount of AA/OT coursework that will count toward it, should work closely with an academic advisor and/or the University Center (<https://www.socc.edu/uc>) when designing their AA/OT degrees.
- Because the amount of coursework required for an AA/OT degree corresponds to two academic years, degree recipients are considered juniors for purposes of registration at an Oregon public universities. Students should keep in mind, however, that the AA/OT does not

guarantee that two additional years will suffice to earn a bachelor's degree, that is because the AA/OT 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's common for students to change their majors and find that they must go back and take introductory work in the new area.

12. Students and academic advisors should recognize that although the AA/OT 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 AA/OT framework. In general, an AA/OT 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. Students contemplating such majors should consult closely with an advisor and/or the University Center (<https://www.socc.edu/uc>).
13. When transferring courses to a university that include CLEP, Challenge, Credit for Prior Learning (CPL), or other non-traditionally earned credits, the student should talk with the university about transferability.