

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 an Oregon University System (OUS) institution. It is an agreement between the Oregon State System of Higher Education and Oregon's community colleges to provide transfer of community college coursework to an OUS institution.

Completion of the AA/OT degree can lead to junior standing, for registration purposes, for any student admitted to a university in the OUS (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 typically transfer between 120 and 124 community college credits to four-year OUS 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.

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 preparatory courses and tutorial assistance to help them get on track quickly.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete a minimum of 90 credit hours and 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) must be selected from the list of approved courses for the AA/OT degree, see page

16. The list is available on the following pages and in the Admissions Office, Student First Stop Center, Educational Support Programs and Services (ESPS) or from the program advisor.

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 (career technical) courses. *Note: Some courses are considered Career Technical courses and have limitations within this degree, they are designated with an asterisk (*) next to the course number in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog beginning on page 136. A maximum of nine (9) credits of PE185 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).

PROGRAM NOTES

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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).

5. 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.

6. All Foundational Requirement courses and Discipline Studies courses must meet the statewide outcomes and criteria for the specific area.

7. The second year of a foreign language, but not the first year, may be included among courses that count toward the Arts and Letters requirement. American Sign Language (ASL) is considered a foreign language.

8. WR115 may be included in the AA/OT degree as an elective providing that the WR115 course at the community college has been approved by the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development as meeting statewide learning outcomes for the course.

9. The principal advantage of the AA/OT is that it fulfills the lower division (freshman/sophomore) general education requirements for baccalaureate degrees at all OUS institutions. It does not necessarily meet all of the degree requirements that an OUS institution 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.

10. 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 when designing their AA/OT degrees.

11. Because the amount of coursework required for an AA/OT degree corresponds to two academic years,

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degree recipients are considered juniors for purposes of registration at an OUS institution. Students should keep in mind, however, that the AA/OT does not guarantee that two additional years will suffice to earn a baccalaureate 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 not uncommon 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.

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 on transferability.



The Oregon Transfer Module (OTM) is an approved 45 credits of general education courses (foundational

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WRITING Three (3) courses from WR121, WR122 and WR123 or WR227. <i>Note: Information Literacy is included through embedding the appropriate content and analytical activity in courses that count toward the writing Foundational Requirement.</i>	ARTS AND LETTERS Three (3) courses chosen from two (2) or more disciplines. <i>Note: A second year foreign language may be included, but not first year.</i> ART115, 116, 117, 131, 132, 133, 191, 192, 204, 205, 206, 225, 244, 253, 256, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286 ASL201, 202, 203 ENG104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206 GER201, 202, 203 HUM204, 205, 206 J 203, 205, 215, 217 MUS101, 111, 112, 113, 201, 202, 203, 205, 206, 211, 212, 213 PHL101, 102, 103 SP100, 111, 218, 219, 220 SPAN201, 202, 203 WR241, 242, 243	SOCIAL SCIENCES Four (4) courses chosen from two (2) or more disciplines. ANTH101, 102, 221, 222, 223, 224, 230, 231, 232 CJ101 ECON201, 202 ED169, 258 GEOG105 HDFS140, 222, 229, 247 HST101, 102, 103, 104, 201, 202, 203, 240 PS201, 202, 203 PSY100, 201, 202, 203, 228, 231, 237, 239, 243 SOC105, 204, 205, 206, 208, 210, 213, 221 WS101	SCIENCE/MATHEMATICS/ COMPUTER SCIENCE Four (4) courses from at least two (2) disciplines including at least three (3) laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science. LABORATORY COURSES: BI101, 102, 103; 142; 201, 202, 203; 231, 232, 233, 234 CHEM 221, 222, 223 ENV235 G201, 202, 203 GS104, 105, 106, 107, 108 PH201, 202, 203; 211, 212, 213 OTHER APPROVED COURSES: BI140, 149 CHEM110 CS160, 161, 162, 261 ENGR111, 112, 201, 202, 203, 211, 212, 213 G146, 207, 220, 221, 246, 291 MTH105, 111, 112, 212, 213, 231, 232, 241, 242, 243, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 260, 265	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. <i>A maximum of nine (9) credits of PE185 may be applied to the AA/OT degree.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>Courses numbered 199/299 will qualify as elective credit only.</i>
MATHEMATICS One (1) course from: MTH105 with a prerequisite of MTH98 or MTH111 or higher with a prerequisite of MTH95, excluding MTH211.				SUPPORTIVE COURSES <i>Note: The college has determined that the following supportive courses may be necessary to assist students to successfully complete their program. They will count as electives only. CIS125W, HD0529, 100, 111, 112, 113, 140, 147, 152, 154, 204, 215, 208, HE112, LIB127, OAI21, RD101, 102, 103.</i> <i>A maximum number of 45 credits is allowed for basic, developmental, or supportive courses under federal financial aid guidelines.</i>
COMMUNICATION One (1) course from SP100, SP111, SP218 or SP219.				
HEALTH, WELLNESS AND FITNESS PE185 (3 courses) or one (1) three credit course from HE250 or PE231.	CULTURAL LITERACY <i>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.</i> ANTH221, 222, 223, 224, 230, 231, 232; ED258; ENG107 108, 109; GEOG105; HDFS140; HUM204, 205, 206; HST104; MUS205, 206; PSY231; SOC208, 210, 213; SP220; WS101			

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