TRANSFER PREPARATION

Students wishing to attend COCC and use credits earned toward a bachelor's degree have several options that range from completing individual courses to completing an associate degree designed for transfer.

**Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree (AAOT)**

The Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree conforms to the state of Oregon guidelines and therefore allows students to transfer to an Oregon public university (some Oregon private colleges and some out-of-state universities) having met all lower-division general education requirements. With appropriate 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.

The AAOT degree is not associated with a major, and is awarded as "Associate of Arts/Oregon Transfer." However, COCC provides specific focus areas (e.g., psychology, geology) within the degree that can assist students with selecting courses that align with the student's intended major (indicated as "recommended" on the course list and sample plan) and the degree requirements of the baccalaureate institution to which the student plans to transfer.

**Advantages**

- Fulfills the lower-division (freshman/sophomore) general education requirements for baccalaureate degrees at all Oregon public universities.
- Allows student to transfer with junior standing for registration purposes.

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

**Considerations**

- No formal agreements exist for this degree to meet 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.
- The AAOT does not guarantee that two additional years will suffice to earn a baccalaureate degree nor give students junior standing in their majors. Students must still meet their transfer institution’s admission requirements.
- 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.

**Requirements**

Required courses:

- 90-108 credits
- Course requirements align with state standard
- General education courses (foundational skills and discipline studies) must be a minimum of three credits except health
- Courses may only count in one requirement (except cultural literacy)
- Limit of 12 CTE credits
- See individual focus areas for recommendations for specific bachelor degree majors

Performance standards:

- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- All courses must be completed with a C grade or higher. Transfer programs may have a higher grade requirement.

**Associate of Science Oregon Transfer (ASOT)**

Like the AAOT degree, a student who completes this program will have met the lower division general education requirements of baccalaureate degree programs of any Oregon public university institution. Unlike the AAOT degree, the ASOT includes courses that institutional representatives recommend as preparation for specific majors. Please note that the degree does not guarantee completion of lower division major requirements for the major and that course, class standing and GPA requirements for specific majors are not necessarily satisfied. Students should always check with the receiving institutions to ensure they have the most current transfer and degree information. COCC currently offers Associate of Science Oregon Transfer degrees in Business (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/business-administration/business-asot/) and Computer Science (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/computer-information-systems/computer-science-asot/).

**Advantages**

- Students can meet all or most general education and/or major requirements for a specific transfer college or university if appropriate courses are chosen.

**Considerations**

- The ASOT degree can limit a student's flexibility in choosing both the major and the transfer college.
- The ASOT degree does not assure junior standing at Oregon transfer universities and does not guarantee that a student will meet all lower-division general education and major requirements.

**Requirements**

Required courses:

- 90-108 credits
- Course requirements align with state standard
- General education courses (foundational skills and discipline studies) must be a minimum of three credits except health
- Courses may only count in one requirement (except cultural literacy)
- Limit of 12 CTE credits
- See individual programs for specific requirements aligned with a bachelor’s degree major.
Performance standards:

- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- All courses must be completed with a C grade or higher. Transfer programs may have a higher grade requirement.

Associate of Science (AS)

COC is approved by the state to offer AS degrees to prepare students to transfer to a specific baccalaureate program. Classes are identified to assist students in transitioning to upper division programs. Unlike the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer or Associate of Science Oregon Transfer degrees, this degree has no guarantee on how it will be treated by receiving institutions. Students should always check with receiving institutions to ensure they have the most current transfer and degree information. COCC currently offers Associate of Science degrees with a focus in the following areas:

- Agricultural Science/Oregon State University (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/forest-resources-technology-forestry/agricultural-sciences-osu-transfer-emphasis-as/)
- Aviation/Oregon Institute of Technology (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/aviation/aviation-technology-management-oit-transfer-as/)
- Cybersecurity/OIT (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/computer-information-systems/cybersecurity-cpcc/)
- Engineering/Oregon State University (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/engineering-physics/engineering-as/)
- Fire Service Administration/Eastern Oregon University (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/structural-fire-science/fire-service-administration-as/)
- Forestry/Oregon State University (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/forest-resources-technology-forestry/forestry-osu-transfer-emphasis-as/)
- General Transfer/Oregon State University (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/general-transfer/general-transfer-osu-as/)
- Natural Resources/Oregon State University (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/forest-resources-technology-forestry/natural-resources-osu-transfer-emphasis-as/)
- Outdoor Leadership/Oregon State University (https://catalog.cocc.edu/programs/outdoor-leadership/outdoor-leadership-as/)

Advantages

- Students can meet all or most general education and/or major requirements for a specific transfer college or university if appropriate courses are chosen.
- The AS degree works well for students in more technical majors (e.g., science, business, engineering) or specific universities.

Considerations

- The AS degree can limit a student’s flexibility in choosing both the major and the transfer college.
- The AS degree does not assure junior standing at Oregon transfer universities and does not guarantee that a student will meet all lower-division general education and major requirements.
- This degree is awarded as “Associate of Science” on the transcript and diploma without reference to a major.

Requirements

Required courses:

- 90-108 credits
- General education courses (foundational skills and discipline studies) must be a minimum of three credits except health
- Courses may only count in one requirement (except cultural literacy)
- Limit of 12 CTE credits
- See individual programs for specific requirements aligned with a bachelor’s degree major.

Transfer Without a Degree

Students may select individual courses at COCC and transfer them to a college or university. Students who will not complete a degree at COCC are encouraged to research degree requirements for the college at which they will earn their bachelor’s degree and select courses accordingly. The Oregon public universities have equivalency guides to aid in selecting equivalent courses. Every college will have a policy on transfer credit that can usually be located on the destination college’s website, often under the admissions information for transfer students. A COCC faculty advisor or a CAP Services advisor can assist students with locating this information.

Articulation Agreements

COC partners with several colleges and universities to offer a seamless transfer among institutions for certain majors in the form of an articulation agreement. These agreements identify specific degree requirement equivalencies between two institutions and often provide alignment beyond general transfer tables. Note that articulation agreements apply to a specific time frame. Please visit COCC’s articulation and partnership agreement webpage (https://www.cocc.edu/departments/admissions/grades-and-student-records/articulation-and-partnership-agreements.aspx) for a list of current articulation agreements.