

LIBERAL ARTS/LIBERAL STUDIES - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS OREGON TRANSFER (AAOT)

Description

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.

Liberal studies, also known as liberal arts, is a program of study in higher education that varies between institutions but generally encompasses a broad array of arts and letters, social science, and science courses. As a major, liberal studies frequently encourages connections between the disciplines and includes a focus on strong communication and critical thinking skills. Some schools define a variety of liberal studies choices for students, while others, like Oregon State University-Cascades, support students to self-design a major around a theme. This major is a good choice for students who have specific career or personal goals, who enjoy a wide range of disciplines, and who appreciate the flexibility provided.

The flexibility in the degree makes it difficult to provide guidance without identifying a transfer institution. For this reason, students should check with each school to ensure that the latest transfer information is used when designing their program. The guidance below focuses on general education requirements and using electives to meet BA/BS requirement and begin to build a theme.

Learning Outcomes

Arts & Letters

1. Interpret and engage in the Arts & Letters, making use of the creative process to enrich the quality of life; and
2. Critically analyze values and ethics within a range of human experience and expression to engage more fully in local and global issues.

Cultural Literacy

1. Identify and analyze complex practices, values, and beliefs and the culturally and historically defined meanings of difference.

Health

1. Explain the relationship between human behavior and health.

Mathematics

1. Use appropriate mathematics to solve problems; and
2. Recognize which mathematical concepts are applicable to a scenario, apply appropriate mathematics and technology in its analysis, and then accurately interpret, validate, and communicate the results.

Science or Computer Science

1. Gather, comprehend, and communicate scientific and technical information in order to explore ideas, models and solutions and generate further questions;

2. Apply scientific and technical modes of inquiry, individually, and collaboratively, to critically evaluate existing or alternative explanations, solve problems, and make evidence-based decisions in an ethical manner; and
3. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of scientific studies and critically examine the influence of scientific and technical knowledge on human society and the environment.

Social Science

1. Apply analytical skills to social phenomena in order to understand human behavior; and
2. Apply knowledge and experience to foster personal growth and better appreciate the diverse social world in which we live.

Speech/Oral Communication

1. Engage in ethical communication processes that accomplish goals;
2. Respond to the needs of diverse audiences and contexts; and
3. Build and manage relationships.

Writing and Information Literacy

1. Read actively, think critically, and write purposefully and capably for academic and, in some cases, professional audiences;
2. Recognize and articulate the need for information, and then locate, evaluate, and ethically utilize that information to communicate effectively; and
3. Demonstrate appropriate reasoning in response to complex issues.

Entrance Requirements

While this program has no formal entrance requirements, individual courses may have prerequisites which must be met prior to enrollment.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
General Education/Foundational		
Health: (https://catalog.cocc.edu/degree-certificate-overview/general-education/#fhe)		
Choose 3 credits ¹		3
Mathematics: (https://catalog.cocc.edu/degree-certificate-overview/general-education/#fma)		
Choose one course		4
Oral Communication: (https://catalog.cocc.edu/degree-certificate-overview/general-education/#foc)		
Choose one course		3-4
Writing: (https://catalog.cocc.edu/degree-certificate-overview/general-education/#fwi)		
WR 121	Academic Composition	4
WR 122 or WR 227	Argument, Research, and Multimodal Composition Technical Writing	4

General Education/Discipline studies

Cultural Literacy: (<https://catalog.cocc.edu/degree-certificate-overview/general-education/#dcl>)

One course from the following categories must be designated as cultural literacy on the Discipline Studies list (credits count once).

Arts and Letters: (<https://catalog.cocc.edu/degree-certificate-overview/general-education/#dal>)

Choose three courses from at least two prefixes 9-12

Social Science: (<https://catalog.cocc.edu/degree-certificate-overview/general-education/#dss>)

Choose four courses from at least two prefixes 12-16

Science/Math/Computer Science: (<https://catalog.cocc.edu/degree-certificate-overview/general-education/#dsn>)

Choose four courses from at least two prefixes including at least three laboratory courses in biological and/or physical science 12-20

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. 39

Total Credits 90-106

¹ HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated

Advising Notes

Students are encouraged to consider meeting BA or BS requirements for their transfer institution in the first two years. This requirement varies, but frequently the BA requirement is one or two years of a foreign language and the BS requirement is additional math (or math, science and computer science).

In choosing electives, students should consider their future liberal studies theme.

Performance Standards

- Academic Requirements:
 - Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- Options for additional standards:
 - All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Sample Plan

	Credits
Discipline Studies Arts & Letters	3-4
Mathematics: (https://catalog.cocc.edu/degree-certificate-overview/general-education/#fma)	4
Oral Communication: (https://catalog.cocc.edu/degree-certificate-overview/general-education/#foc)	3-4
WR 121 Academic Composition	4
Credits	14-16

Second Term

Discipline Studies Arts & Letters	3-4
Discipline Studies Social Science	3-4
Elective	3
Health (3 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix) ¹	3

WR 122 or WR 227	Argument, Research, and Multimodal Composition Technical Writing	4
Credits		16-18

Third Term

Discipline Studies Arts & Letters	3-4
Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science	3-5
Discipline Studies Social Science	3-4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Credits	17-21

Fourth Term

Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science	3-5
Discipline Studies Social Science	3-4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Credits	14-17

Fifth Term

Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science	3-5
Discipline Studies Social Science	3-4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Credits	14-17

Sixth Term

Discipline Studies Science/Math/Computer Science	3-5
Elective	4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Credits	15-17
Total Credits	90-106