

Oregon University System Credit Transfer Policy: Organic Chemistry

In Oregon, the transfer of organic chemistry credits has presented challenges because it is offered at the lower-division (200-level) in Oregon community colleges and at the upper-division (300-level) in Oregon University System (OUS) institutions. Therefore, this policy specifies two ways in which credit transfer can occur:

1. as a direct transfer of lower-division undergraduate credits, or
2. as upper-division credits according to the following guidelines.

In the absence of: (a) an individual OUS institution's policy exempting transfer students from the American Chemical Society Organic Chemistry Examination noted below, or (b) any other applicable agreement between an Oregon community college and an OUS institution governing the transfer of organic chemistry courses, **the full-year, 200-level organic chemistry lecture and laboratory sequence from an Oregon community college shall be transferred to an OUS institution as upper-division credit equivalent to Chemistry provided:**

- (a) the student receives a grade of C or better each term in the organic chemistry sequence,
- (b) the student takes the standardized American Chemical Society Organic Chemistry Examination for the full-year organic course and scores at or above the 50th percentile on a national ranking, and
- (c) written verification of the score is provided by the community college to the receiving OUS institution.

Further, the number of upper-division credits granted shall not exceed the total combined credits for Chemistry and any organic laboratory course(s) associated with Chemistry at the OUS institution to which the courses are being transferred.

This policy was adopted by the Oregon University System Academic Council on May 20, 1999.

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The University of Oregon accepts the full year of organic chemistry lecture and two terms of laboratory as equivalent to

CH 331, 335 and 336 (lecture)

CH 337 and 338 (lab)

U of O requires all chemistry and biochemistry majors to take the third term of organic chemistry laboratory at the University of Oregon (CH 339).