Academic Policies and Standards



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Associate Degree Requirements – Associate of Science Degree (AS)

The Associate of Science degree is designed for students planning to transfer credits to a baccalaureate degree program at four-year institutions of the Oregon University System. It allows more freedom in course selection than the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree, but does not guarantee that students will be accepted as having completed all lower division comprehensive and General Education requirements for a baccalaureate degree. In selecting course work, students should see advisors at PCC and the institution to which they will transfer about the requirements of their baccalaureate major.

The Associate of Science degree is awarded to students who meet the following requirements:

- 1. Associate Degree Comprehensive Requirements.
- 2. Associate of Science Requirements:

Courses listed below must be completed with grade of C or better, or a P.

- A. **Writing:*** All candidates must complete a minimum of 6 credits in English Composition. The 6 credits must include WR 121, or include other lower division collegiate WR courses that have WR 121 or WR 122 as a prerequisite.
- B. **Health:** Complete HE 250 and one credit of Physical Education (100-level or above) or HPE 295.
- C. **Math:*** Complete a minimum of four credits in MTH 105 or any math course with Intermediate Algebra as a prerequisite.
- 3. General Education/Discipline Studies Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 21 credits of General Education taken from the General Education Distribution/Discipline Studies List. A minimum of 7 credits must be earned in each of the following distribution areas:

- Arts and Letters
- Social Sciences
- Mathematics, Science and Computer Studies

4. AS Elective Credit Requirements

All candidates must complete elective credits to meet the overall requirement of 90 credits for this degree. Elective credits may include any lower division collegiate courses (course level of 100 or higher). A maximum of 3 credits of physical education (PE) courses may be applied to this degree.

*Basic Writing and Math competency will be met by these requirements.