

Academic Standards and Practices Handbook

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 Oregon Associate of Arts 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. Complete comprehensive degree requirements (Refer to Policy A-106, Associate Degree Requirements-Comprehensive).
2. Associate of Science Requirements:
 - A. **Writing** *: All candidates must complete a minimum of six credits with a C or better in English composition by passing the WR 121 with a C or better, or passing the WR 121 challenge exam and passing another Lower Division Collegiate WR course with WR 121 as a prerequisite, with a C or better. .
 - B. **Health**: Complete HE 250 Personal Health and one credit of physical education or complete HPE 295 Health and Fitness for Life.
 - C. **Math** *: Complete a minimum of four credits with a C or better in MTH 105 or any math course with Intermediate Algebra as a prerequisite.

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

D. General Education Distribution Requirements

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

- Arts and Letters
- Social Sciences
- Mathematics, Natural and Physical Sciences and Computer Studies

E. 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.

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