
Applied Baccalaureate Degrees

Applied baccalaureate degrees are distinguished by a focus on serving the needs of adults who already hold an associate's degree and now desire to pursue a bachelor's degree in order to advance their careers or, in some cases, to change careers. Most commonly the associate's degree held by the adult is an Associate of Applied Science (AAS). These degrees provide the knowledge and skills needed by students to start a career immediately after completing the degree rather than preparing them to continue to upper division courses and a bachelor's degree. It is easiest to consider the scenario where those who have received an AAS degree, started a career based on this degree, and later have decided that they would like a bachelor's degree. These adults may have some of the following career aspirations:

- To increase their responsibility level but remain focused on a technical career.
- To move into supervision or management.
- To obtain the advantages associated with a liberal arts degree including general broader knowledge and more advanced thinking and problem solving skills, possibly including a desire to continue to pursue a graduate degree.

Admission to the Applied Baccalaureate degree program

The A.B. degree is NOT open for the traditional student who is currently enrolled at WOU (e.g., a student who started higher education at WOU or a student who earned a transfer degree such as an AAOT). Admission into the A.B. degree track at WOU requires the student to meet the following conditions:

- Student has either completed an Associate of Applied Science Degree (or other terminal/non-transfer associate degree)
~OR~
- Has a minimum of 60 quarter units toward an Associate of Applied Science degree (or other terminal/non-transfer associate degree).

Placement of transfer units into the A.B. curriculum will be determined in consultation with the academic advisor for the specific A.B. program.

Students who have pursued and/or have completed an Oregon Transfer Module (OTM), Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree or an Associate of General Studies degree (AGS), **are not eligible** for admission into the A.B. track – they will continue to be admitted into our traditional B.A., B.S., B.F.A., B. Mus degree tracks.

Applied Baccalaureate degrees are offered in:

Gerontology
Psychology
Computer Science
Information Systems

Students who complete the university requirements listed below are granted this degree.

- Minimum of 180 credit hours including 62 upper-division
- Minimum of 2.00 (C) grade point average (GPA) in all work completed at WOU
- Residence: minimum of 45 of the last 60 credit hours completed through WOU
- Maximum of 124 community college transfer credits including vocational technology

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- AB Core Curriculum: completion of 36 credit hours as outlined in the section on undergraduate programs
- Academic major: 55-75 credits; minimum of 36 upper-division credits
- Academic minor: optional; minimum of 12 upper-division credits unless otherwise stated

Applied Baccalaureate Core Curriculum

Mission statement

The AB Core provides students with a general education core experience to help them develop a foundation of basic knowledge for a more healthy and successful personal and professional life.

Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrated understanding of the liberal arts and their role in a diverse society.
2. Demonstrated effective use of oral, written and computational skills.
3. Demonstrated ability to interact collaboratively.

The AB Core is a required part of all AB degrees and comprises a minimum of 36 of the 180 credit hours necessary for graduation. Math, computer science, cultural diversity, quantitative literacy and writing intensive course requirements, where applicable, are tailored to the various applied baccalaureate degrees offered at WOU (see p XX).

It is critical that students consult with the Academic Advising and Learning Center or their academic advisor as they select AB Core courses to avoid mistakes that may prolong their time in college.

Applied Baccalaureate Degree Program Basic Requirements

Students seeking an Applied Baccalaureate degree at WOU are required to complete the following courses or their equivalents.

WR135 or equivalent (3-4)

CS 121 or equivalent (2)

MTH 105 or equivalent (3-4)

Other Requirements

Minimum of 6 units of Writing Intensive coursework

Minimum of 6 units of Cultural Diversity coursework

Partial completion of the MTH 211, 212, 213 sequence will not meet any mathematics, computer science, or quantitative literacy courses graduation requirements. Regardless of the academic program being pursued, if any of MTH 211, 212, 213 are to be applied toward graduation requirements, the entire sequence must be completed.

Approved Applied Baccalaureate Core Curriculum Courses (minimum of 36 ld/ud units)

Courses completed as part of the AB Core Curriculum may also be used to fulfill requirements within a student's major or minor program (i.e., may be double-counted).

An AB Core Curriculum course may not count in more than one category (i.e., students may not double count courses from multiple quadrants).

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Written / Oral / Visual Communication
– select 3 classes (minimum of 9 units)
from at least two categories

Writing

WR 222 Writing for the Sciences (4)
WR 321 Business Writing (4)
WR 322 Technical Writing (4)
WR 350 News Writing (4)

Communication Studies

COM 111 Principles of Public Speaking (3)
COM 112 Interpersonal Communication (3)
Other Id/ud courses suggested by Communication Studies Department

English

ENG 204, 205, 206 Survey of British Literature (4 each)
ENG 253, 254 Survey of American Literature (4 each)
LING 210 Introduction to Linguistics (4)
Other Id/ud courses by the English Department

Art

A100 Art Topics (2)
A115 Beginning Design: 2D (4)
A116 Beginning Design: 3D (4)
A130 Beginning Drawing (4)
Appropriate placement assessed by department

Societal & Cultural Engagement –
select 3 classes (minimum of 9 units)
from at least two categories

Social Sciences

ANTH 213 Language and Culture (4)
ANTH 214 Physical Anthropology (4)
ANTH 215 Archaeology (4)
ANTH 216 Cultural Anthropology (4)
ANTH 395 Medical Anthropology (4)
EC 201 Introduction to Microeconomics (4)
EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics (4)
GEOG 105 Introductory Physical Geography (4)
GEOG 106 Introductory Economic Geography (4)
GEOG 107 Introductory Cultural Geography (4)
HST 104 World History (4)
HST 105 World History (4)
HST 106 World History (4)
HST 201 History of the United States (4)
HST 202 History of the United States (4)
HST 203 History of the United States (4)
HST 484 Health, Medicine and Gender in Historical Perspective (4)
PS 201 American National Government (3)
PS 202 State and Local Government (3)

PS 203 International Relations (3)
PS 204 Intro to Comparative Politics (3)
PS 350 Intro to Public Policy (3)
PS 430 The Aging Society (3)
PS 433 Healthcare Politics and Policy (3)
SOC 223 Introduction to Sociology: Theory (3)
SOC 224 Introduction to Sociology: Research (3)
SOC 225 Social Problems (3)
Other Id/ud courses suggested by social science division departments

Modern Languages

French, German, Spanish, ASL or other contemporary language/culture courses (3-4 each)

Appropriate placement assessed by department

ASL 101 American Sign Language I
ASL 102 American Sign Language II
ASL 103 American Sign Language III
ASL 201 American Sign Language IV
ASL 202 American Sign Language V
ASL 203 American Sign Language VI
ASL 301 American Sign Language VII
ASL 302 American Sign Language VIII
ASL 303 American Sign Language IX
FR 101 First Year French
FR 102 First Year French
FR 103 First Year French
FR 110 Introduction to French Literature in Translation
FR 201 Second Year French
FR 202 Second Year French
FR 203 Second Year French
FR 301 Intermediate French Composition and Phonetics
FR 302 Intermediate French Composition and Phonetics
FR 303 Intermediate French Composition and Phonetics
FR 310 Intro to French Literature
FR 340 Topics in French Arts and Culture
FR 410 Topics in French Language & Literature
FR 440 Topics in French Civilization & Culture

GL 101 First Year German
GL 102 First Year German
GL 103 First Year German
GL 110 Introduction to German Literature in Translation
GL 201 Second Year German
GL 202 Second Year German
GL 203 Second Year German
GL 301 Intermediate German Composition and Conversation
GL 302 Intermediate German Composition and Conversation
GL 303 Intermediate German Composition and Conversation
GL 310 German Film and Conversation
GL 320 Business German
GL 340 German Culture and Civilization I: Romans-Enlightenment

GL 341 German Culture and Civilization II: Classicism-Reunification
GL 342 Studies in German Culture and Literature to 1900
GL 343 Studies in German Culture and Literature to 1945
GL 344 Studies in German Culture and Literature to 1990s
GL 401 Advanced German Composition and Conversation
GL 402 Advanced German Composition and Conversation
GL 403 Advanced German Composition and Conversation
GL 411 German Literature I: Medieval-Classical
GL 412 German Literature II: Naturalism- Present
GL 440 19th Century German Drama
GL 441 20th Century German Drama
GL 442 German Drama-Performance
SPAN 101 First Year Spanish
SPAN 102 First Year Spanish
SPAN 103 First Year Spanish
SPAN 201 Second Year Spanish
SPAN 202 Second Year Spanish
SPAN 203 Second Year Spanish
SPAN 301 Intermediate Spanish Composition and Conversation
SPAN 302 Intermediate Spanish Composition and Conversation
SPAN 303 Intermediate Spanish Composition and Conversation
SPAN 317 Spanish for Bilingual/Heritage Speakers
SPAN 318 Spanish for Bilingual/Heritage Speakers
SPAN 319 Spanish for Bilingual/Heritage Speakers
SPAN 320 Business Spanish
SPAN 328 Introduction to Chicano/a Literature
SPAN 338 Hispanic Culture and Civilization: Spain
SPAN 339 Hispanic Culture and Civilization: Latin America
SPAN 340 Civilization and Culture of Mexico
SPAN 342 Introduction to Chicano/a Life and Culture
SPAN 361 Hispanic Poetry
SPAN 362 Hispanic Drama
SPAN 363 Hispanic Novel
SPAN 370 Introduction to Latin American Literature
SPAN 371 Introduction to Latin American Literature
SPAN 401 Advanced Spanish Composition and Conversation
SPAN 402 Advanced Spanish Composition and Conversation
SPAN 403 Advanced Spanish Composition and Conversation
SPAN 411 Spanish Literature I: Medieval

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SPAN 412 Spanish Literature II: Golden Age
SPAN 413 Spanish Literature III: 18th and 19th Century
SPAN 414 Spanish Literature IV: Generation of 1898
SPAN 415 Spanish Literature V: 20th Century
SPAN 441 20th Century Latin American Literature
SPAN 442 20th Century Latin American Literature
SPAN 443 20th Century Latin American Literature
SPAN 445 Hispanic Women Writers
SPAN 490 Studies in Spanish Literature
SPAN 491 Studies in Latin American Literature
Other Id/ud courses suggested by American sign language and modern language programs.

Religion
R 201 Introduction to the World's Religions: Eastern (3)
R 204 Introduction to the World's Religions: Western (3)

Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre)
D 251 Introduction to Dance (3)
D 170, 171, 172 World Dance 1, 2, 3; to be taken in sequence (1 each)
MUS 201 Introduction to Music and Its Literature (3)
MUS 203 Jazz History (3)
MUS 204 Music of the World (3)
TA 110 Introduction to Theatre (3)
TA 112 Introduction to Film (3)
Other Id/ud courses suggested by social science departments

Scientific / Quantitative / Logical Thinking – select 3 classes (minimum of 9 units) from at least two categories

Math

MTH 105 or above (4-5)
Other Id/ud courses suggested by math department
Appropriate placement assessed by math department

Natural Sciences

ES 104, 105, 106 Earth System Science I, II, III (5 each)
ES 201, 202, 203 Principles of Geology (4 each)
BI 101, 102, 103 General Biology (5 each)
BI 211, 212, 213 Principles of Biology (5 each)
CH 104, 105, 106 Introduction to Chemistry (4 each)
CH 221, 222, 223 General Chemistry (5 each)
PH 201, 202, 203 General Physics (4 each)

PH 211, 212, 213 General Physics with Calculus (4 each)
Computer Science
CS 122 or above

Philosophy

PHL 101 Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality (3)
PHL 102 Introduction to Philosophy: Personal Morality and Social Justice (3)
PHL 103 Introduction to Logic (3)
PHL 251 Ethics (3)
PHL 252 Medical Ethics (3)
PHL 255 Environmental Ethics (3)
PHL 261 Metaphysics: Theory of Being (3)
PHL 262 Epistemology: Theory of Knowledge (3)
PHL 263 Philosophy of Mind (3)
PHL 282 Philosophy of Art (3)
PHL 283 Philosophy of Religion (3)

Technology, Life Skills– select 3 classes (minimum of 9 units) from at least two categories

Business, Entrepreneurship

BA 101 Introduction to Business (3)
BA 211 Financial Accounting (4)
BA 213 Managerial Accounting (4)
BA 217 Accounting for Non-accountants (3)
BA 220 Introduction to financial Management (3)
BA 229 Personal Finance (3)
ENT 320 Entrepreneurial finance (1)
ENT 330 Panning and Creating New Ventures (3)
ENT 350 Small Business Management (3)

Other Id/ud courses suggested by the business and economics division

Computer Science

CS 121 (2)

Health & Physical Education

HE 211 Techniques of Relaxation (3)
HE 227 Community and Public Health (4)
HE 325 Nutrition (4)
HE 329 Health and Social Services (4)
HE 399 Poverty and Public Health (4)
HE 375 Epidemiology (4)
HE 413 Complementary and Alternative Medicine (4)
HE 434 Diseases (4)
HE 465 International Health (4)
HE 485 Bioethics and Public Health (4)
PE 131 Individual Health and Fitness (2)
PE 111-199 activity courses (2)
Other Id/ud courses suggested by the health and physical education division

Psychology, Gerontology
PSY 201 General Psychology (4)
PSY 202 General Psychology (4)
PSY 443 Group Processes (4)

GERO 360 Cognitive and Physical Changes in Aging (4)

Other Id/ud courses suggested by the psychology division