



In 2017 the State Legislature passed House Bill 2998, a bill designed to streamline transfer between Oregon’s community colleges and public four-year universities. The legislation directed the HECC to bring together community colleges and universities to establish statewide “foundational curricula,” now called the Oregon Transfer Compass, of at least 30 credits that can be transferred to every institution in Oregon. The course distribution requirements of the Oregon Transfer Compass are on the next page. (<https://www.oregon.gov/highered/policy-collaboration/Pages/transfer-2998.aspx>)

Western Oregon University is now tasked with determining how the Oregon Transfer Compass credits align with our General Education program categories. Note that this is not like a transfer degree, so if a students transfers to WOU with these credits, they will still need to complete the remaining elements of the General Education program here at WOU (WR 122, Critical Thinking, Communication & Language, Health Promotion and Integrating Knowledge). Furthermore, if students transfer with 30 or more credits, they will not be required to take the First Year Seminars. Below is the alignment determined by the General Education Committee.

Oregon Transfer Compass Curriculum	WOU General Education Requirement
WR 121	Foundations: WR 121
Arts & Letters	Exploring Knowledge: Literary and Aesthetic Perspectives
Social Sciences	Exploring Knowledge: Social, Historic, and Civic Perspectives* *Also meets the cultural literacy requirement
Natural Sciences	Exploring Knowledge: Scientific Perspectives
Mathematics	Foundations: Mathematics



CORE TRANSFER MAPS

The Core Transfer Maps are broad descriptions of course requirements for students at any Oregon community college or public university. Students who have not yet declared a major and plan to transfer may take classes that fit these categories at any Oregon community college and expect all classes to transfer and meet at least 30 credits of general education requirements for a bachelor's degree at any Oregon public university.

Note that many majors have specific course requirements for categories within the Core Transfer Maps. The Core Transfer Maps are intended as starting points for students who plan to transfer to a university, but are unsure of their intended major or transfer destination. Students who are certain of their major, but not their transfer destination, should determine if there is a developed Major Transfer Map for their chosen discipline, and follow that as a guide. Students who are certain of both their major and their intended transfer destination should consult an advisor for information on an existing specific articulation agreement, Major Transfer Map, or degree map that will prescribe their course requirements.

COURSE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

See an advisor for recommended courses

Subject	General Core Transfer Map	STEM Core Transfer Map
Writing	WR121 (3-4 credits)	WR121 (3-4 credits)
Arts & Letters	2 courses (6-8 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses. <i>* See an advisor for recommended courses.</i>	2 courses (6-8 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses. <i>* See an advisor for recommended courses.</i>
Social Sciences	2 courses (6-8 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses. <i>* See an advisor for recommended courses.</i>	2 courses (6-8 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses. <i>* See an advisor for recommended courses.</i>
Natural Sciences	2 courses with labs (8-10 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses. <i>* See an advisor for recommended courses.</i>	2 courses with labs (8-10 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses. <i>* See an advisor for recommended courses.</i>
Math	1 course (4-5 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses. <i>* See an advisor for recommended courses.</i>	1 course (4-5 credits) See list of AA/OT outcome courses <i>* See an advisor for recommended courses.</i>

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Subject	General Core Transfer Map	STEM Core Transfer Map
Cultural Literacy	At least 1 required course must also meet the Cultural Literacy outcomes.	At least 1 required course must also meet the Cultural Literacy outcomes.
At Least 30 Total Credits	If the credit total for the required courses is less than 30 credits, select a course of your choice from the AA/OT outcome courses. <i>* See an advisor for recommended courses.</i>	If the credit total for the required courses is less than 30 credits, select a course of your choice from the AA/OT outcome courses. <i>* See an advisor for recommended courses.</i>
Completion standards	All courses must be passed with a grade of "C-" or better. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the time of award.	All courses must be passed with a grade of "C-" or better. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the time of award.

COMPLETED CORE TRANSFER MAPS

Subject	General Core Transfer Map	STEM Core Transfer Map
Total	At least 8 courses (at least 30 credits)	At least 8 courses (at least 30 credits)