

# ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE AS

## What is the AS Degree?

The **Associate of Science (AS) degree** is designed for students who plan to transfer to a **bachelor's degree program**. This degree provides **greater flexibility** in course selection, allowing students to **focus on major-specific coursework**.

Unlike the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT), the **AS degree is not a block transfer degree**. This means it does **not automatically fulfill all lower-division general education requirements** at a four-year institution unless an **articulation agreement is in place**. Students should work closely with **academic advisors** to ensure their courses align with their transfer institution's requirements.

## Who Should Pursue the AS Degree?

This degree is ideal for students who:

- # Plan to transfer to a four-year college or university but need a degree pathway that allows more major-specific coursework.
- # Want more flexibility in their course selection.
- # Are considering STEM, healthcare, business, or other science-focused programs that require specific prerequisite courses.

**Important:** The AS degree **does not guarantee** that students will be accepted as having completed all lower-division **general education requirements** at their transfer school. Some universities may require additional coursework.

## Benefits of the AS Degree

- # Flexible course selection to align with major requirements.
- # Designed for smooth transfer into a bachelor's degree program.
- # Customizable coursework for students with specific career or academic goals.
- # Allows students to take major-related courses earlier compared to the AAOT.

## Program Outcomes

An AS degree follows the same learning outcomes as an AAOT, unless there is an specific Articulation Agreement in place.

## AS Degree Requirements

To complete the **AS degree**, students must earn a **minimum of 90 transferable credits** with a **grade of C or higher** and a **cumulative GPA of at least 2.0**.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General Requirements</b>		
<i>Oral Communication</i>		
COM 111Z	Public Speaking	4
or COM 218Z	Interpersonal Communication	
<i>Mathematics</i>		
MTH 105Z	Math in Society (or higher)	4
<i>Writing</i>		
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
or WR 227Z	Technical Writing	
<b>Discipline Studies Requirements</b>		

Select at least one additional course from the approved list in each of 3-5 the following:

Arts and Letters Elective (<https://umpqua-public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/approved-course-listings/#Humanities>)

Social Science Elective (<https://umpqua-public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/approved-course-listings/#Social-Sciences>)

science-math-comscience (<https://umpqua-public.courseleaf.com/degrees-certificates/approved-course-listings/#science-math-comscience>)

### *Cultural Literacy*

Select three credits from a course defined as meeting Cultural Literacy. This course may also be used to satisfy one of the requirements listed above. 3

### *Elective Options*

68-69

Additional courses numbered 100 or higher to bring the total to 90 credits.

Up to 12 credits may come from Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses.

### **Total Minimum Credits**

90-93

## Additional Program Requirements

- # No course substitutions are allowed.
- # No course may be used to satisfy requirements in more than one area.
- # At least 25% of the program credits must be earned at UCC.
- # Students must attend at least two terms at UCC to earn this degree.
- # The AS degree will appear on a student's transcript, but it does not specify a major or focus area.

### How to Complete the AS Degree

1. **Meet** with an academic advisor to select courses that align with your **major and transfer goals**.
2. **Complete** all required coursework with a C or higher and maintain a 2.0 GPA.
3. **Apply** for graduation and request your official transcript be sent to your transfer university.
4. **Transfer** to a four-year college or university, ensuring that coursework aligns with the major's requirements.

## Key Considerations

- The **AS degree is not a block transfer degree**, so students should verify **general education and major requirements** with their intended transfer institution.
- **Advising is essential** to ensure students take courses that align with their bachelor's degree program.

### Next Steps

- # **Talk** to an academic advisor to determine if the AS degree is the right path for you.
- # **Check** transfer university requirements to ensure course alignment.
- # **Plan** your course schedule to stay on track for graduation.

For more information, speak with a **UCC academic advisor**.