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 and 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
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 or 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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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 490 Studies in Spanish Literature
SPAN 491 Studies in Latin American Literature
Other ld/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 ld/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 ld/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 ld/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 ld/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 ld/ud courses suggested by the psychology division