

ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND DEGREE PROGRAMS

Ocean County College offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), the Associate in Science (A.S.), and the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees. All degree programs contain a core General Education foundation consistent with the requirements of most New Jersey two- and four-year colleges. This general education core emphasizes the acquisition and comprehension of knowledge, the evaluation of ideas, the ability to think constructively and creatively, and the capacity to communicate effectively. For college students who begin their studies at a community college, A.A. and A.S. programs should transfer in full, with the student bearing some responsibility to make elective choices at the community college that are consistent with the intended major and the requirements of the four-year college or university. The A.A.S. degree prepares students for immediate employment after graduation, although many students who pursue this degree also transfer successfully. Smooth transition into a four-year institution requires early planning.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

General education courses are grouped into several major categories:

Communications, defined as courses designed to enhance facility in the use of the English language;

Mathematics, science, and technology, defined as courses designed to enhance mathematics and scientific conceptual understanding and applications, including computer science;

Social sciences, defined as courses designed to promote self awareness, including understanding social, economic, historical, and political problems and the responsibilities of citizenship in an interdependent world; and

Humanities, defined as courses in literary, philosophical, foreign language, aesthetic, or other humanistic studies to promote the understanding and transmission of values to one's own and other cultures.

The minimum general education requirements for each associate degree are as follows:

Associate in Arts (A.A.) degrees require a minimum number of credits in an array of representative courses in each of the following categories: communication, mathematics/science/technology, social sciences, and humanities.

Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees require a minimum number of credits in an array of representative courses in each of the following categories: communication, mathematics/science/technology, social sciences, and humanities.

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees require a minimum number of credits in an array of representative courses from the communication category and at least one course from mathematics/science/technology, social sciences, and humanities.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

A degree signifying graduation from Ocean County College will be awarded to all students completing an approved planned program, provided the following minimum conditions have been filled:

A. Minimum Requirements

1. A student must have earned at least 64 semester hours of credit with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.00.
2. If a student has taken developmental classes, these courses do not count toward meeting graduation requirements for any degree. Sufficient additional credits must be completed to meet the 64 credit minimum for a degree. These semester hours must include the following:

Health and Physical Education.

- a) 2 s.h. HEHP 110 Applied Modern Health or 3 s.h. HEHP 225 Contemporary Health may be used to satisfy the requirement.
- b) Veterans, active duty personnel and those who have completed basic training may apply to receive credit for HEHP 110 from the Veterans Affairs office. A copy of DD Form 214 and a request for HEHP credit must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office.

B. Distribution of Semester Hours of Credit for Degrees

A.A. DEGREE

GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

- 6 s.h. Communications
- 6 s.h. Humanities
- 6 s.h. Social Science
- 4 s.h. Laboratory Science
- 3 s.h. Mathematics
- 2-3 s.h. Health and Human Performance
- 18 s.h. Concentration selected from one college department (non-technical courses only)
- 18-19 s.h. Electives (to total 64 or more s.h.)

LIBERAL ARTS PROGRAM

- 9 s.h. Communications
- 6 s.h. Western Civilization I & II or U.S. History I and II*
- 9 s.h. Humanities
- 3 s.h. Diversity
- 3 s.h. Computer Literacy
- 6 s.h. Social Science
- 8 s.h. Laboratory Science
- 6 s.h. Mathematics
- 2-3 s.h. Health requirement
- 11-18 s.h. Electives (to total 64 or more s.h.) (maximum of 6 s.h. of business)

* Choice should be guided by transfer requirements

COURSES SATISFYING GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The chart below identifies the general education requirements which students must fulfill for graduation from Ocean County College. The prefixes identify course clusters from which students may select specific courses satisfying each requirement. Students transferring to four-year institutions should check with the institutions regarding the transferability of specific courses because there is no guarantee that a given course will transfer to every institution.

For the A.A. in Liberal Arts Degree

Humanities/English	Communication	Social Science	Science
GROUP A ARTS 181, 182, 205 MUSC 190 THTR 195, 196 GROUP B ENGL 235, 236, 240, 251, 252, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 280 HUMN 200, 297 PHIL 191, 192 LANGUAGES: ARBC, CHIN, FREN, GRMN, ITAL, LATIN, SPAN	ENGL 151 ENGL 152 COMM 110 COMM 202	ANTH 233 ECON 151, 152 GEOG 161, 162 POLI 183, 261 PSYC 172 SOCI 181	BIOL 161, 162 or higher CHEM 181, 182 or higher PHYS 171, 172 or higher
History	Technology	Math	Diversity
HIST 171 HIST 172	CSIT (except CSIT 120)	MATH 151 OR HIGHER	[See listing under Liberal Arts Degree]

For the A.A. and A.S. in General Studies and All Other A.S. and A.A.S. Degrees

Humanities/English	Communication	Social Science	Science	Math
ARTS FILM COMM MUSIC COPH PHIL DANC THTR ENGL 153 or any 200-level ENGL course LANGUAGES: ARBC, CHIN, FREN, GRMN, ITAL, LATIN, SPAN	ENGL 151 ENGL 152	ANTH ECON GEOG HIST POLI PSYC SOCI	BIOL (except BIOL 120) CHEM ENVI HTEC PHYS SCIE (except SCIE 104 and SCIE 105)	MATH 151 or higher for AA and AS degrees MATH 147 or higher for AAS degrees

A.S. DEGREE

GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

- 6 s.h. Communications
- 6 s.h. Humanities
- 6 s.h. Social Science
- 4 s.h. Laboratory Science
- 3 s.h. Mathematics
- 2-3 s.h. Health and Human Performance
- 18 s.h. Concentration selected from one college department
- 18-19 s.h. Electives (to total 64 or more s.h.)

A.S. DEGREE - ALL OTHERS

- 6 s.h. Communications
- 6 s.h. Humanities
- 6 s.h. Social Science
- 4 s.h. Laboratory Science
- 3 s.h. Mathematics
- 2-3 s.h. Health and Human Performance
- 18 s.h. Concentration selected from one college department
- 18-19 s.h. Electives (to total 64 or more s.h.)

A.A.S. DEGREE

- 6 s.h. Communications
 - 3 s.h. Humanities
 - 3 s.h. Social Science
 - 4 s.h. Laboratory Science
 - 3 s.h. Mathematics
 - 2-3 s.h. Health requirement
- Additional required courses for a minimum of 64 s.h.

C. Other Requirements

1. Required courses in all programs of study are as stipulated in the catalog at the time the student matriculates in a degree program as long as the student is continuously enrolled.
2. A student must have earned at least 32 semester hours of credit at Ocean County College.
3. Students who complete their degree requirements at the end of the fall semester may, upon filing an application for graduation scheduled the following May, receive an interim Certificate of Completion.
4. Students are required to follow the curriculum as outlined in the catalog at the time of matriculation (degree status). If the student skips a year (a consecutive fall and spring semester), the catalog at the time of reactivation is in effect. The option does exist to update to a more current catalog. If a student changes his/her curriculum, the current catalog at that time is in effect.
5. Students must file a graduation application at the Cashier's office. Applications are available in the Admissions and Records office. The application deadlines are March for spring graduation and June for summer graduation.

NOTES

1. ENGL 020 or ENGL 021 cannot be used to satisfy degree requirements.
2. Students placed in ENGL 020 or ENGL 021 as a result of the College Placement Test scores will be required to complete these courses in addition to the above- stated requirements.
3. It is strongly recommended that writing courses be taken in sequence. ENGL 151 should be taken immediately after completion of ENGL 021.
4. Humanities electives in Literature are: Any 200 level ENGL course. All other programs specifying only humanities elective will be free to select from the full range of English (and other humanities) courses except those taken to fulfill the required freshman English/Communications sequence. In no case can ENGL 151 or ENGL 152 be used as a humanities elective. ENGL 155 may be used as a humanities elective if it has not been taken as a requirement. This, however, is not encouraged for transfer students.

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS ADDRESSED BY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

HUMANITIES REQUIREMENT General Education Goals Addressed by Specific Courses in Literature, the Arts, World Languages, Religion, and Philosophy	SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT General Education Goals Addressed By Specific Courses in Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology	COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT General Education Goals Addressed by Specific Communication Courses:
Independent Thinking Communication Problem Solving/Info Literacy Ethical Judgment Aesthetic Appreciation Historical Consciousness Diversity Appreciation Global Perspective Civic & Social Responsibility Life Long Learning	Independent Thinking Communication Problem Solving/Info Literacy Ethical Judgment Natural & Social Sciences Historical Consciousness Diversity Appreciation Global Perspective Civic & Social Responsibility Technology Understanding	Communication Problem Solving/Info Literacy Ethical Judgment Aesthetic Appreciation Diversity Appreciation Global Perspective
DIVERSITY REQUIREMENT General Education Goals Addressed By Diverstiy Courses:	HISTORY REQUIREMENT General Education Goals Addressed By Specific History Courses:	SCIENCE REQUIREMENT General Education Goals Addressed By Specific Science Courses:
Communication Problem Solving/Info Literacy Ethical Judgment Historical Consciousness Diversity Appreciation Global Perspective	Independent Thinking Communication Problem Solving/Info Literacy Ethical Judgment Historical Consciousness Diversity Appreciation Global Perspective Civic & Social Responsibility	Independent Thinking Communication Problem Solving/Info Literacy Ethical Judgment Natural & Social Sciences Global Perspective Technology Understanding
MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT General Education Goals Addressed By Specific Mathematics Courses:	COMPUTER SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY General Education Goals Addressed By Specific CSIT Courses:	
Independent Thinking (Mathematical) Problem Solving	Problem Solving/Info Literacy	