

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE TRANSFER DEGREE (AST)

The **Associate of Science Transfer (AST)** degree is a major-specific transfer degree designed for students who plan to continue their education at a public university in Oregon in a Bachelor of Science (BS) program. These degrees include foundational coursework in a specific field of study, along with general education requirements that support transfer with junior standing.

In some majors, completing an AST degree may require more than 90 credits to fully prepare students for upper-division coursework. In these cases, students will transfer with equivalent academic preparation to peers who began at the university in the same major.

AST degrees are aligned with statewide Major Transfer Maps (MTMs) (<https://www.oregon.gov/highered/about/transfer/pages/transfer-maps.aspx>), which are developed through collaboration between Oregon community colleges and public universities. These agreements help ensure that coursework transfers efficiently and applies toward degree requirements at participating institutions. MTMs are approved and maintained by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (<https://www.oregon.gov/highered/Pages/default.aspx>).

Because requirements can vary by university and intended major, students are strongly encouraged to work with an academic advisor (<https://www.mhcc.edu/student-resources/academic-advising/>) and identify their preferred transfer institution early. This helps ensure that course selections align with specific university requirements and supports a smooth transfer process.

Associate of Science Transfer degree programs offered at MHCC:

- Biology (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ast-biology/>)
- Business (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ast-business/>)
- Computer Science (EOU / SOU / WOU) (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ast-cs-eou-sou-wou/>)
- Computer Science (PSU / OSU / UO) (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ast-cs-psu-osu-uo/>)
- Sociology (<https://catalog.mhcc.edu/degree-certificate-requirements/ast-sociology/>)