

The logo features a stylized graduation cap in dark blue with a yellow and red arch underneath, and a red arrow pointing upwards.

**Oregon
Transfer Compass**
STATEWIDE ARTICULATION
AGREEMENT: MAJOR
TRANSFER MAP IN [MAJOR]

A statewide transfer agreement that identifies the community college courses needed to transfer to any Oregon public university as a junior seeking a Bachelor of Science in [MAJOR].

Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement:

Major Transfer Map in [MAJOR]

90-100 Credits or Optimal Transfer Point

From: All Oregon Community Colleges

To: All Oregon Public Universities

Introduction: Major Transfer Maps (MTMs) represent a streamlined path for students transferring from an Oregon community college to an Oregon university who know which major/bachelor's degree program they want to pursue. In contrast to other statewide transfer tools that prioritize university general education requirements (i.e. AAOT and ASOT), MTMs specify clear course-taking paths necessary for on-track progress towards a specific major/bachelor's degree, with a guarantee of transfer from any Oregon community college to any Oregon public university. MTMs build on the 30-credit general education foundation defined by the generic Core Transfer Map (CTM), although MTMs may specify particular relevant/required General Education courses as part of the 30-credit CTM component of the MTM.

The statewide Major Transfer Maps (MTMs) will use one of the following formats. The selected format will be specified in each approved MTM program:

- an Associate of Science Transfer degree in [MAJOR],
- an Associate of Arts Transfer degree in [MAJOR],
- an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree [MAJOR],
- an Associate of Science Oregon Transfer degree in [MAJOR], or
- in rare cases, when the optimal transfer point is fewer than 90 credits, as agreed by all parties including OTAC, the format will not be an associate's degree, but rather a notation on the transcript of an 'MTM in [MAJOR]'.

The MTMs identify the optimal and specific set of community college courses students need to take to transfer efficiently into the major at the university. The successful completion of the MTM allows students to receive status at the public university, based on the number of academic credits referenced in the transfer agreement, including at least 30 credits of general education satisfied, that is comparable to the status of students with the same number of academic credits in the major course of study who began their postsecondary studies at the public university. The students will not be required to retake a course, as long as the minimum required grades have been earned.

Students must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and meet the residency requirements at the community college awarding the MTM.

When students complete an MTM, the general education courses in the "Core Transfer Map" portion of the MTM, for which minimum required grades have been earned, are guaranteed to transfer into general education, degree, or major requirements for a bachelor's degree at any Oregon public university (ORS 350.404). However, while CTM-related courses are guaranteed to transfer into general education, degree, or major requirements, students completing an MTM will not be awarded a CTM also.

Students who want to transfer prior to completing the MTM should talk with their community college advisor and an advisor at their target university prior to transfer about how their courses will count

towards general education requirements and degree/major requirements. If the MTM is not awarded advisors can guide students to determine if they are eligible for a CTM.

Students are responsible for informing the admissions counselor or intake advisor at their receiving four-year institution that they are completing an MTM. It is important for students to understand that completing the MTM in two years and the bachelor's degree in four years requires them to complete a minimum average of 15 credits per quarter (or 45 credits per year).

The guarantees and limitations below describe the minimum requirements to which all participating institutions have agreed. If an institution is not meeting the guarantees described below a complaint can be filed with the Oregon Transfer Advisory Committee (OTAC).¹

Part 1: Guarantees

Students who complete all the requirements of an MTM (i.e. an MTM associate's degrees or an MTM non-degree package when optimal transfer requires fewer than 90 credits) as defined in the specific MTM agreement, who have earned the minimum required grades and a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher, meet residency requirements, and who are admitted to the receiving institution's corresponding major/degree program are guaranteed the following:

1. Status within the major at the public university that is comparable to the status of students with the same number of academic credits in the major course of study who began at the public university (when the MTM is equal to at least 90 credits this would equate to receiving "junior status in the major course of study at the public university").
2. Eligibility to graduate following the degree/major requirements in effect at the university during the academic year the student first enrolled in the community college that awarded the MTM. If the student does not complete the degree within 7 years of the first enrollment at the community college awarding the MTM, they should meet with an advisor to determine which catalog to use.
3. All courses in the MTM will transfer individually. If a student transfers before completing the MTM, all courses will still transfer but may not apply in the same way as they would if the MTM was completed. If the CTM has been awarded, the guarantees inherent in the CTM apply.
4. The ability to file a complaint with the Oregon Transfer and Articulation Committee (OTAC) if the guarantees of the MTM are not being met. OTAC will review complaints submitted to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) or to OTAC regarding Oregon's statewide transfer tools and degrees and recommend next steps that support dispute resolution. Note:
 - ✓ Students should first follow their home institution's internal complaint process (e.g. talk to their academic advisor, academic unit, Registrar, or Provost)
 - ✓ The HECC has authority to handle student complaints but only if they are related to discrimination or retaliation

¹ Sections of this contract are modified versions of contracts from Colorado and Washington.

- While OTAC does not have legal authority over transfer complaints, as the only statewide transfer advisory body, OTAC can make recommendations and assist institutions and students in resolving compliance issues.

5. Students who successfully complete the MTM at a community college will have the MTM notated on their transcript. If the MTM takes the form of an associate's degree, it will be reflected in the standard degree posting format used by the community college. If the MTM is not an associate's degree, but rather an optimal transfer point with fewer than 90 credits, it will be posted as a notation on the community college transcript.

Part 2: Limitations

1. Completion of the prescribed curriculum in the statewide transfer articulation agreement does not guarantee admission to a participating receiving institution. Students must meet all admission and application requirements at the receiving institution in place at the time of admission, including the submission of all required documentation by stated deadlines.
2. Minimum grades required for general transfer and for application to major requirements and pre-requisites may vary by each Oregon public university and by each degree/major. Each MTM agreement will specifically list the minimum grade requirements that will guarantee transfer including minimum required grades for major courses and Pass/No Pass limitations. All schools accept a grade of a "C -" or better in all general education courses. Students should contact the admissions counselor or intake advisor at the university they intend to transfer to for more information.
3. Completion of an MTM and admission to a receiving institution does not guarantee enrollment in a specific degree program. Some programs at receiving institutions have controlled and/or competitive entry due either to space limitations or academic requirements.
4. The credit and course transfer guarantees described in the specific MTM agreements apply only to the specific degree programs covered by the agreement. Therefore, if a student changes to a new major some courses may not apply the same way towards the new major as they would for the original major. When students change majors the old MTM major guarantees may no longer apply and receiving institutions will evaluate applicability of transfer on a course-by- course basis.
5. AP (Advanced Placement) and IB (International Baccalaureate) credit:

- General Education Courses in the MTM:

AP and IB articulated credits used to meet the general education components of the Major Transfer Map will transfer, and are guaranteed to fulfill general education requirements at the receiving institution, as long as the articulated credits are listed on the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Statewide *Course Credit Policy* found on the HECC website.

- AP (Advanced Placement) and IB (International Baccalaureate) in the MTM:

Using the current *AP and IB Statewide Course Credit Policy* as a reference, the Major Transfer Map workgroup will assess how AP/IB exam scores apply to the MTM (range of credits and course articulations). In particular, the MTM workgroup will identify whether the credit range and course articulation of AP/IB exam scores differ among the 17

community colleges and 7 public universities in ways that create transfer misalignment for students earning the MTM.

The workgroup will refer all areas of misalignment to the AP/IB Statewide Policy Group, which will work with the higher education institutions' appropriate representatives (including faculty and academic leadership) to resolve the areas of misalignment by establishing common range of credits and defined articulations across the 17/7 so that AP/IB exam credit awarded at any community college will transfer to all public universities and apply as intended in the MTM.

If 17/7 alignment in range of credits and course articulation for AP/IB exam scores is not possible, the MTM workgroup will determine whether the differences constitute acceptable and warranted variance within the MTM. If so, the workgroup will recommend the variance to OTAC when it submits the MTM to OTAC for the approval process. If the MTM workgroup determines that uniformity is necessary, and a particular institution elects not to conform, that school is choosing not to be a participant in that particular MTM.

6. Please note that each Oregon public university has differing policies on institutionally administered exams (sometimes called Challenge Exams) and students should contact the admissions counselor or intake advisor at the university students intend to transfer to for more information.

7. Students should consult with advisors at their community college and receiving university if they have additional questions.

Part 3: Institutional Obligations

1. Oregon public universities and community colleges, under advisement from OTAC and HECC, will build an alert mechanism into their curriculum review process for changes related to courses, programs, or admission that may impact the MTM.

- ✓ The institution proposing a change in required or pre-requisite courses, with potential to impact lower-division course taking will alert their Registrar and Major Transfer Map group to review the change.
- ✓ If the proposed change creates a need to modify lower-division course taking as defined in the existing MTM, the OTAC representative from the particular MTM group will bring the issue to OTAC for review to determine if updates need to be made to the agreement.
- ✓ All public higher education institutions who are signatories of the agreement are expected to stay in alignment with the approved MTM. Changes to courses included in the MTM that will affect their transferability must be approved by the MTM group and OTAC before taking effect.
- ✓ MTM groups are expected to meet annually or as needed to ensure continued alignment and the effective dates will be reflected in each MTM. Catalog rights follow the MTM.
- ✓ If valid reasons exist that prevent sufficient alignment, a given institution may have to exit the agreement. In such cases, the Provost of the university must notify OTAC and work out an effective timeline for leaving the agreement such that the university honors the catalog

year guarantees and provides a workable teach-out plan so students in the pipeline are held harmless.

2. Oregon public higher education institutions agree that where university-specific curricular variance exists within the MTM, it is identified and justified. Acceptable justifications should be related to student benefit, necessity for academic success in meeting future requirements at the junior/senior/graduate school/employment level, and immovable external requirements such as accreditation requirement differences.
3. Participating institutions agree to continue to work toward maximizing course alignment as much as possible with the goal of awarding direct equivalency for all MTM courses, even when a transferring student has not completed the entire MTM.

Part 4: Signature of Participating Institutions

**Major Transfer Map: Statewide Articulation Agreement
Participants to the Agreement**

The Oregon Transfer and Articulation Committee (OTAC) reviewed this agreement on [DATE] and forwarded it for approval by the chief academic officers of Oregon’s public universities offering the [MAJOR] degree and the chief academic officer of Oregon’s community colleges (*Note: Signatures are on file at the Higher Education Coordinating Commission*)

Signatures on file:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Eastern Oregon University	Date	Oregon State University	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Portland State University	Date	Oregon Institute of Technology	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Southern Oregon University	Date	Western Oregon University	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
University of Oregon	Date	Blue Mountain Community College	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Central Oregon Community College	Date	Chemeketa Community College	Date
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Clackamas Community College	Date	Clatsop Community College	Date
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Columbia Gorge Community College	Date	Klamath Community College	Date

Part 5: Major Transfer Map Participants

Group Coordinators:

Public Universities:

Eastern Oregon University
Oregon Institute of Technology
Oregon State University
Portland State University
Southern Oregon University
University of Oregon
Western Oregon University

Community Colleges:

Blue Mountain Community College
Central Oregon Community College
Chemeketa Community College
Clackamas Community College
Clatsop Community College
Columbia Gorge Community College
Klamath Community College
Lane Community College
Linn-Benton Community College
Mt. Hood Community College
Oregon Coast Community College
Portland Community College
Rogue Community College
Southwestern Oregon Community College
Tillamook Bay Community College
Treasure Valley Community College
Umpqua Community College

Higher Education Coordinating Commission Staff:

Office of Academic Policy & Authorization
Office of Community College & Workforce Development



Part 6: Oregon Transfer Advisory Committee Members [Year]

Chair:

Incoming Chair:

OTAC Members: