



## Associate in Arts—Direct Transfer Agreement (AA—DTA) Degree Planning Guide 2016–2017

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### AA-DTA: WHAT IS IT?

#### Direct Transfer Agreement

The AA—DTA, known as the direct transfer degree, is an agreement between Washington State community colleges and baccalaureate institutions. The credits earned in the AA-DTA transfer as a package to most baccalaureate colleges and universities in Washington, generally satisfying all of the lower division general education requirements and granting junior standing; it does not guarantee admission.

#### Requirements

The AA-DTA requires a minimum of 90 quarter credits in college-level courses numbered 100 or above with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. Each individual course must have a minimum grade of 1.0. There are three categories of requirements: 20 credits of general education core requirements, 45 credits of discipline-specific distribution requirements, and 25 credits of electives. You should select courses to explore your academic interests and begin preparing for an academic major within the AA-DTA degree guidelines.

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### WHERE DO I START?

**Talk with an advisor at Shoreline.** Shoreline advisors can provide guidance about which courses to take and how to prepare for different majors.

**Understand the AA-DTA requirements.** Review this Degree Planning Guide and make sure you understand what it takes to complete your degree at Shoreline.

**Prepare for a major.** Because you will likely enter as a junior, you will need to consider what major you would like to prepare for. Use Shoreline’s **Major Preparation Sheets** to learn more about different majors and which courses will prepare you for those majors.

**Understand admissions requirements.** School admission requirements, deadlines, and application details vary. Check the web site of your chosen school or schools and search for “Transfer admissions” to find their specific requirements. At many schools, you must apply to the school and then apply separately to the major.

**Understand graduation requirements.** All four-year programs have specific requirements to graduate and some schools require up to two years of a world language to graduate. Once you have decided upon a major or majors, visit the web site of the departments where you will be applying; contact advisors at the four-year school to learn more.

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### WHERE CAN I TRANSFER?

The AA—DTA makes it possible for students to transfer to a number of public and private colleges and universities in the U.S. with junior standing. Washington State institutions that subscribe to the Direct Transfer Agreement are listed below.

#### **Public Institutions**

[Central Washington University](#)  
[Eastern Washington University](#)  
[The Evergreen State College](#)  
[University of Washington](#)  
[Washington State University](#)  
[Western Washington University](#)

#### **Private Institutions**

[Bastyr University](#)  
[City University](#)  
[Cornish College of the Arts](#)  
[Gonzaga University](#)  
[Heritage College](#)  
[Northwest University](#)

[Pacific Lutheran University](#)  
[Saint Martin’s University](#)  
[Seattle Pacific University](#)  
[Seattle University](#)  
[Trinity Lutheran College](#)  
[Whitworth University](#)

## What do I need to take?

Below is a summary of the categories of required courses for the AA-DTA. In selecting your classes, consult your **Major Planning Sheet** for recommendations related to pursuing a particular major. See next page for available courses in each category.

<b>I. GENERAL EDUCATION</b>				
<b>General Education   20 credits</b> Courses used in General Education (Gen Ed) Core may not be used for distribution.	<b>General Education Courses</b>	<b>QTR</b>	<b>GR</b>	<b>CR</b>
	ENGL& 101			5
	ENGL& 102			5
	Multicultural Understanding			5
	Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning			5
<b>II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS</b>				
<b>Humanities   15 Credits</b> Select from at least two different disciplines (e.g., Art and Drama). Maximum of 5 credits allowed in Performance/Skills courses. No more than 5 credits in a world language at the 100 level.	<b>Courses in Humanities</b>	<b>QTR</b>	<b>GR</b>	<b>CR</b>
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
<b>Natural Sciences   15 Credits</b> Select from at least two different disciplines (e.g. Biology and Physics). At least 10 credits required in Physical, Earth, and/or Biological Sciences, including at least 5 credits of lab science. Maximum 5 credits from Other Science courses.	<b>Courses in Natural Sciences</b>	<b>QTR</b>	<b>GR</b>	<b>CR</b>
	1.			
	2.			
	3.			
<b>Social Sciences   15 Credits</b> Select from at least two different disciplines (e.g., Psychology and History).	<b>Courses in Social Sciences</b>	<b>QTR</b>	<b>GR</b>	<b>CR</b>
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	2.			
	3.			
<b>III. GENERAL ELECTIVES</b>				
<b>Electives   At least 25 Credits</b> Comprised of other college-level courses or unrestricted courses. A maximum of 15 credits allowed for restricted/vocational courses, and a maximum of 3 credits allowed in Physical Education. Please see the College Catalog for a list of restricted and unrestricted elective courses.	<b>Elective Courses</b>	<b>QTR</b>	<b>GR</b>	<b>CR</b>
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	4.			
	5.			

The following is a list of classes that satisfy Shoreline's 2016-2017 AA-DTA degree requirements. Credits for a specific course may be used only once and may not be applied toward more than one distribution area. Course numbers with an “&” are common course numbers with content that is consistent across Washington state community colleges.

**I. GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS | 20 CREDITS**

**COMMUNICATIONS — 10 Credits**

English &101  
English &102

**MULTICULTURAL UNDERSTANDING — 5 Credits**

Communication Studies 203, 285  
Gender and Women’s Studies 284  
History 245  
Multicultural Studies 105

**QUANTITATIVE / SYMBOLIC REASONING — 5 Credits**

Math &107\*, 111, &141, &142, &146\*, &148, &151, &152, &163, 207, 208, 211, &264  
Philosophy &120\*

\* Students planning to transfer to the University of Washington must consult Math Advising, [mathadvising@shoreline.edu](mailto:mathadvising@shoreline.edu)

**II. DISTRIBUTION AREA REQUIREMENTS | 45 CREDITS**

**HUMANITIES — 15 Credits**

Select from at least two different disciplines (e.g., Art and Drama). Maximum of 5 credits allowed in Performance/Skills. No more than 5 credits in a world language at the 100 level.

**General Humanities**

American Ethnic Studies 106, 215  
American Sign Language &121-&123  
Art &100, 105, 234  
Art History 204, 210, 224-226  
Chinese &121-&123  
Cinema 201, 202  
Communication Studies &101, &102, 203, &210, &220, 285  
Drama &101  
English &111-&113, 154, 200, 207, &220, &226-&228, 229, &244-&246, 247, 248, 257, 265, 271, 272, 281, 282, 287-289  
French &121-&123  
Honors 100  
Humanities 111-113, 140, 275  
Japanese &121-&123, &221-&223  
Music 100, &105, 106, 108, 109, &141-&143, 150, 206, 224, &241-&243  
Philosophy &101, 102, &115, 210, 240, 248, 267  
Spanish &121-&123, &221-&223

**Performance Skills /Applied Theory — 5 Credits Max.**

Art 109, 110, 121-123, 131-134, 144-146, 251-256, 260-262, 271-273  
Communication Studies 140, &230, 244, 245, 247, 292-294  
Drama 144-146, 155-157, 207-209, 224, 235, 244, 255  
English &230, 279  
Film 256-258, 266, 285, 290  
Music 114, 115, 118-120, 135, 136, 140, 144, 146, 147, 150-156, 161-167, 170, 175, 180, 184, 196, 204, 205, 207, 210-212, 225, 226, 251-253, 264, 268, 270, 280, 284, 296

**NATURAL SCIENCES — 15 Credits**

Select from at least two different disciplines (e.g. Biology and Physics). At least 10 credits required in Physical, Earth, and/or Biological Sciences, including at least 5 credits of lab science. Maximum 5 credits from Other Science courses.

**Physical, Earth, Biological Sciences — 10 Credits**

Laboratory Sciences -5 Credits Min.  
Astronomy &101  
Biology 107, 124, 126, 144, &211-&213, &231, &241, &242, 244, 249, &260, 274, 275, 277  
Chemistry &110, &121, &131, 171/181, 172/182, 173/183, &241/271, &242/272, &243/273  
Environmental Science &101, 202  
Geography 203, 204  
Geology &101, &110, &115, &208  
Oceanography &101  
Physics 110, &114-&116, &221, &222, &223

**Non-Laboratory Sciences**

Anthropology &205  
Biology 110, 150, &170, 270, 276  
Chemistry 255  
Environmental Science &100  
Psychology 202

**Other Science Courses 5 Credits Max.**

Engineering 205, 206  
Math &107, 111, &141, &142, &146, &148, &151, &152, &163, 207, 208, 211, &264  
Nutrition &101  
Philosophy &120

**SOCIAL SCIENCES — 15 Credits**

Select from at least two different disciplines (e.g., Psychology and History).

American Ethnic Studies 106, 119, 229  
Anthropology &100, &204, &206, &207, 215  
Art History 204  
Business &101  
Child Advocacy Studies 102, 202, 285  
Communication Studies &102  
East Asia 218  
Economics 100, &201, &202  
Gender and Women’s Studies 205, 215, 284-286, 288  
Geography &100, 123, &200, 277  
History &116-&118, &136, &137, &146-&148, 207, &214, &215, 218, &219, 234-238, 245-247, 256, 275  
Honors 100  
International Studies 101, 123, 200, 201, 205  
Multicultural Studies 105, 205, 210, 238, 250  
Philosophy &101, 102, &115, 210, 240, 248, 265, 267  
Political Science &101, &202, &203, 221  
Psychology &100, &200, 208, 209, 210, &220, 225, 236, 245  
Sociology &101, 102, 112, &201, 202, 250, 288

**III. GENERAL ELECTIVES | 25 CREDITS**

A minimum of 25 additional college-level credits numbered 100 or above is required for electives. Developmental courses and courses numbered below 100 may not be used. Electives may include any course listed in the distribution areas or in the Elective Courses section of the 2016-17 catalog. A maximum of 15 credits from the Restricted Electives course list in the catalog may be included and a maximum of 3 credits in Physical Education.

