

Associate in Integrated Studies DTA

90 Credits Minimum

The AIS degree prepares students to transfer to four-year college and universities with junior standing, having fulfilled all or most general education requirements. This 90-credit degree is most often an appropriate goal for students who intend to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Associate in Integrated Studies degree is also the degree of choice for students who intend to transfer, but who are undecided about which baccalaureate institution they will attend. It is considered a Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) because the AIS degree is designed to satisfy most (if not all) of the general education requirements of most public colleges and universities in Washington State.

By virtue of this agreement, students will generally transfer with junior standing and fulfill all or most general education requirements. It is not necessary to complete a degree at Cascadia to be eligible to transfer to a baccalaureate-granting college or university, but most baccalaureate-granting colleges and universities or programs within those colleges and universities give admission preference to transfer students who have completed the two-year transfer degree

Upon successful completion of this degree a student will be able to:

- Understand patterns and make connections among different disciplines and between different analytical and methodological frameworks and to integrate studies with personal experiences, local, and global communities
- Learn actively and gain comprehensive understanding; to think critically, creatively, and reflectively in order to solve problems; to communicate with clarity and originality for personal growth and productive work; and to interact in diverse and complex environments and complicated, dynamic, and ambiguous situations
- Access, process, construct, and express knowledge across cultures; to take responsibility for encountering and mastering new knowledge

Completion Requirements

Associate in Integrated Studies degree (AIS) is a direct transfer degree that requires at least 90 credit hours in college level courses (numbered 100 or above), including at least 5 credit hours that meet the Integrated Learning Requirement, a minimum cumulative 2.0 grade point average, a minimum of 25 credits in residence at Cascadia, and completion of all of the requirements for this degree. Students must complete and submit an application for graduation to Enrollment Services for review and approval before the degree is granted.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS

25 CREDITS

Foundations for College Success

Must be completed within first 30 credits.

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
COLL 100, or COLL 101	Study Strategies, or College Strategies	55			5.0

Communication

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
ENGL& 101	English Composition I	55			5.0
ENGL& 102	Composition II	55			5.0

Quantitative or Symbolic Reasoning

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
MATH or PHIL&120	100 level or above, or Symbolic Logic	55			5.0

Cultural Knowledge Requirement

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
CMST, GS, HIST, HUMAN, or SOC	150 series designated course	55			5.0

Students are required to take a CKR designated course chosen from the Humanities or Social Science Distribution areas listed below

HUMANITIES DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT 15 CREDITS

Students must complete courses from at least two different disciplines. No more than five credits may be included from those courses designated HP as performance/skills, applied theory or lecture/studio courses. Only one course of a world language at the 100 level may be included. Five credits from the CKR distribution may be applied as one of the Humanities *OR* Social Science distribution requirements.

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
	H designated course	55			5.0
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SOCIAL SCIENCES DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT 15 CREDITS

Students must complete courses from at least two different disciplines. Five credits from the CKR distribution may be applied as one of the Humanities *OR* Social Science distribution requirements.

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
	SS designated course	55			5.0
	SS designated course	55			5.0
	SS designated course	55			5.0

NATURAL SCIENCES DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT 15 CREDITS

Students must complete courses from at least two different disciplines, and include at least five credits of a lab course (LAB). At least 10 credits required in physical, earth and/or biological sciences.

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
	NS designated course	55			5.0
	NS designated course	55			5.0
	NS (LAB) designated course	44	22		5.0

REQUIRED ELECTIVE CREDITS 20+ CREDITS

Students must complete sufficient elective credits in college level courses (numbered 100 or above) to bring the total credits for the AIS degree to 90. These credits may be selected from any combination of the distribution course lists. No more than 12 credits may be included from Restricted Electives List.

INTEGRATED LEARNING REQUIREMENT

Students must include an Integrated Learning Experience in their course selections.

Through Learning Communities (LC) or other Integrated Learning Experiences (IL), students demonstrate their ability to integrate skills, concepts, information, and analytical and methodological frameworks from two or more areas of inquiry in a purposeful project or experience.

- A Learning Community (LC) is the integration of two or more courses from different areas of inquiry (e.g. global studies and composition, or physics and math, or astronomy and philosophy, or composition and art). The annual schedule of Learning Communities is listed on the website. Many Learning Communities are designed to fulfill both part of a General Education requirement and the Integrated Learning Requirement.
- Integrated Learning Experiences (ILEs) include: hard-linked classes, classes with a Community-based Learning requirement, classes taken as part of an academic study abroad program, or classes with an academic internship. Integrated Experiences are indicated in the quarterly course schedule.