

POLICY

1. To qualify as a candidate for the degree of Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in Applied Science, a student must have the following:
 - a. A minimum of 60 hours of non-remedial credit which must include all courses required in the curriculum elected by the student.

Minimum requirements as indicated below:

Associate in Arts Degree

- 9 cr. Communication
- 3 cr. History
- 6 cr. Humanities
- 6 cr. Social Science
- 3 cr. Diversity [This requirement cannot be satisfied by the same course used to satisfy the categories above.]
- 6 cr. Mathematics (3-4 cr.) / Science (3-4 cr.) / Technology (0) cr.
Students must select one math course and one lab science course.
- 27 cr. Elective Courses (can include any additional necessary General Education courses)
- 60 cr. TOTAL CREDITS (33 General Education Credits)**

Associate in Science Degree

- 6 cr. Communication
- 3 cr. Humanities
- 3 cr. Social Science
- 3 cr. Additional Humanities or Social Science
- 9 cr. Mathematics (3-8 cr.) / Science (3-8 cr.) / Technology (0-4 cr.)
Students must select one math course, one lab science course, and one technology course from the current List of Approved General Education Courses. Students may attempt to “test out” of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take additional credits in math or science from the List of Approved General Education Courses.
- 6 cr. Additional General Education Credit [from the categories above]
- 18 cr. Department Concentration / Program Specific Requirements
- 12 cr. Elective Courses
- 60 cr. TOTAL CREDITS (30 General Education Credits)**

Associate in Applied Science Degree

6 cr.	Communication
3 cr.	Humanities or Social Science
3 cr.	Mathematics – Science – Technology Students must select any math, science, or technology course from the current List of Approved General Education Courses.
8 cr.	Additional General Education Credit [from the categories above]
37 cr.	Program Specific Requirements
<u>3 cr.</u>	Elective Courses
<u>60 cr.</u>	TOTAL CREDITS (20 General Education Credits)

- b. Waiver of courses requires that an equivalent number of credits must be completed to meet graduation requirements.
2. To qualify as a candidate for an Associate degree, a student must have earned at least 60 semester hours of non-remedial credit, or as specified otherwise for certain curricula, and accrued sufficient grade points for a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 (average grade of "C").
3.
 - a. A student may transfer a maximum of 30 credit hours at any time during the student's candidacy for a degree.
 - b. Service personnel on active duty and their dependents must meet all College degree requirements with the following exceptions:
 - (1) A minimum of 24 semester hours of the 60 required must be earned through attendance of classes at Ocean County College.
 - (2) These 24 semester hours may be earned at any time during the student's candidacy for a degree.
4. The College will confer Associates degrees four times per year. Candidates for graduation must file an application for Graduation by an established deadline to be eligible for the next upcoming graduation. The specific deadlines and the actual dates of graduation will be determined by the Registrar, within the following guidelines:
 - Fall Semester
 - deadline to apply: mid November
 - actual graduation: second week of January
 - Spring Semester
 - deadline to apply: mid March
 - actual graduation: day of Commencement Ceremony
 - Summer Graduation I
 - deadline to apply: mid June
 - actual graduation: mid July

- Summer Graduation II
 - deadline to apply: mid July
 - actual graduation: last day of August

5. A candidate whose final cumulative grade point average is 3.50 or higher will be graduated with honors based on the following:

- 3.50 - 3.79 cum laude (with honors)
- 3.80 - 3.89 magna cum laude (with high honors)
- 3.90 - 4.00 summa cum laude (with highest honors)

A student graduating with honors will receive a designation on the diploma, indicating the honors category. The appropriate honors distinction shall also be shown on the student's official College transcript.

6. All specific courses required for a second degree must be completed without repeating any previous courses in which credit was earned. Neither will any courses judged to be at a lower academic level than those previously completed be used toward the second degree.
7. No less than 18 additional credit hours, including those required, must be earned beyond the number established for the initial degree.
8. The prescribed procedure will be followed in filing an application for a second degree.
9. Additional degrees beyond the second normally will not be granted. Exceptions must be approved by the Academic Standards Committee.

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