

Design Major Transfer Guide for Portland Community College

Major available at: Corvallis campus, Ecampus

Note: Apparel Design and Interior Design are only offered at Corvallis campus.

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About this major

Design majors complete common core requirements at the lower and upper division levels as well as courses specific to a major. Design majors include:

- Apparel Design
- Design and Innovation Management
- Interior Design
- Product and Merchandising Management

NOTE: All majors listed above complete the same set of lower division courses.

Advising contacts

It is important to speak with your OSU academic advisor early on, and often, to ensure correct course selection and sequencing. Academic advisors at your community college and OSU are available to answer your questions and assist you in creating a transfer plan. See your community college advisor first and use this Transfer Guide to help you plan. Also, consider visiting OSU to take a campus tour and meet with an advisor. See visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visitcampus to schedule your personalized visit.

Your contacts

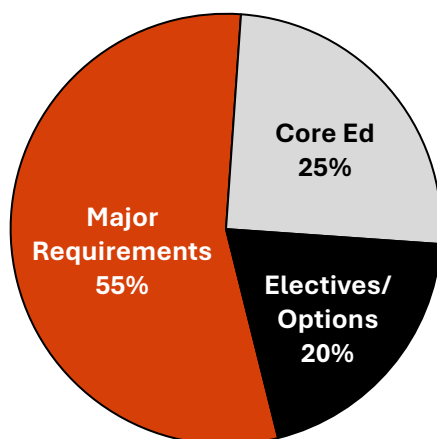
- Portland Community College Advising: <https://www.pcc.edu/advising/>
- OSU Transfer Contact: Alexa Johnson – alexa.johnson@oregonstate.edu
- OSU College of Business Main/Advising Office – cobtransfer@oregonstate.edu

Earning a bachelor's degree (B.S./ B.A.)

- A minimum of 180 credits is required for graduation. 60 must be upper division (300 and 400-level courses).
- A maximum of 135 transfer credits may be applied toward a bachelor's degree.
- Only courses with letter prefixes and numbers above 100 can be accepted.
- See the OSU Catalog for a list of required courses for your major and option.

Bachelor's degree breakdown

- 55% major requirements, 25% Core Education and 20% electives/options.
- Another way to visualize this is:



Major courses offered

This list is complete. Reach out to an OSU advisor if you need more information.

[Priority areas] are priority courses to complete before transferring to OSU.

NOTE: For Apparel and Interior Design, please see

<https://business.oregonstate.edu/programs/admission-aid/advising/academic-planning/professional-studio> to understand the eligibility requirements and required prerequisites for these two specific programs.

Major requirement: Requirement (priority courses)

Equivalent courses available at PCC:

- ART 131A – DRAWING AND SKETCHING (4 credits)
- ART 102 – INTRO TO THE VISUAL ARTS (4 credits)
- ART 204 (4 credits) **OR** ART 205 (4 credits) **OR** ART 206 (4 credits) – INTRO TO WESTERN ART

- BA 101Z – INTRO TO BUSINESS (4 credits)
- WR 121Z – COMPOSITION 1 (4 credits)
- ECON 201Z – PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (4 credits)
- MTH 111Z – PRECALCULUS (4 credits)
- BA 211Z (4 credits) **AND** BA 213Z (4 credits) – ACCOUNTING FOR DECISION MAKING
- ID 131 **and** ID 100 – DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS (4 credits)

Major requirement: Requirement

Equivalent courses available at PCC:

- WR 227Z – TECHNICAL WRITING (4 credits)
- ID 128 – COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN 1 (3 credits)
- ART 116 – COLOR INNOVATION (4 credits) (4 credits)
- ID 230 – TEXTILES (3 credits)
- BA 223 – PRINCIPLES OF MARKETING (4 credits)
- COMM 111Z – COMMUNICATIONS (4 credits)

OSU Major requirements with no equivalent at PCC

- DSGN 253 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- BA 252 – MANAGING INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PERFORMANCE

Core Education requirements

Core Education (“Core Ed”) includes the general education requirements for students admitted to OSU **Summer 2025 and onward**. Students admitted Spring 2025 and earlier should refer to the Baccalaureate Core and/or their advisor for guidance.

Core Ed course search

For full listing of courses that fulfill Core Education requirements, please refer to [Admissions.oregonstate.edu/core-education-course-articulations-portland-community-college](https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/core-education-course-articulations-portland-community-college)

Foundational core

- Writing Foundations — **WR 121Z**
- Arts and Humanities: General — Speak with Advising or refer to list for suggestions
- Arts and Humanities: Global — Speak with Advising or refer to list for suggestions

- Quantitative Literacy and Analysis — **MTH 111Z**
- Communication, Media and Society — **COMM 111Z**
- Social Science — **ECON 201Z**
- Scientific Inquiry and Analysis — Speak with Advising or refer to list for suggestions
- Difference, Power and Oppression Foundations — Speak with Advising or refer to list for suggestions

Signature Core

- Transitions — Take at OSU
- Difference, Power and Oppression Advanced — Take at OSU
- Seeking Solutions — Take at OSU
- Writing Elevation — **WR 227Z**
- Writing Intensive Curriculum — Take at OSU

Preparing to transfer

Transfer degrees and maps

- Students do not have to complete a transfer degree to transfer to OSU.
- **If you've completed the Oregon AAOT or ASOT**, all lower division Core Ed requirements are considered complete.
- **If you've completed a Core Transfer Map or Major Transfer Map**, all lower division Core Ed requirements are considered complete except Difference, Power and Oppression Foundations.

Additional resources

- Check out the [Degree Partnership Program](#) to take classes at both OSU and an Oregon community college.
- Review [admissions information for transfer students](#).
- [Schedule a campus tour](#) and meet with an advisor.
- [See all transfer student resources](#).