



Degree Guide:

Associate in Arts, Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA)

Degree Type

Transfer Degree

Offered Online

Yes

The Associate in Arts degree is a Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) designed for students who plan to transfer to a university after completing the first two years of study at Peninsula College. The degree is recommended for students who have not yet decided the field they will enter or the university they will attend. It gives students the broad background they need before beginning more specialized, upper-division courses and indicates that a student has completed a two-year liberal arts program.

Students who have a particular major in mind can focus their distribution choices and elective credits toward meeting their transfer institution plan. Students should include some 200 level coursework in their program of study. Explore our areas of emphases and make an individualized educational plan with an advisor.

This degree meets the Intercollege Relations Commission (ICRC) guidelines for direct transfer degrees, an inter-institutional agreement adopted to facilitate student transfer between Washington state community colleges and baccalaureate institutions.

To earn this degree, students must complete 90-quarter credits in courses numbered 100 or above (from approved distribution list) and meet specific distribution requirements. No more than 25 percent of credit requirements may be taken on a pass/no credit basis. Students should be aware that courses with “Pass” grades may not satisfy the requirements in their major field. Students must attain a cumulative college-level grade point average of 2.0, and earn a minimum of 30 credits at Peninsula College.

Students must select credits from three [distribution lists](#): Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities. A specific course may be credited toward no more than one distribution requirement. A minimum of fifteen credits in two separate subject areas must be selected from each list. For Natural Sciences, at least five credits must be a lab. For Humanities, no more than five credits can be a Humanities-Performance course and no more than five credits may be applied in world languages at the 100 level.

Students are responsible for knowing transfer requirements and policies, as well as specific course choices and GPA requirements, are urged to consult the catalog of the institution for which they plan to transfer.

Program Plan Code: LASDTAA

Communication Skills

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
ENGL& 101	English Composition I	5
ENGL& 102	Composition II	5



Quantitative Skills

Choose one of the courses listed below. Cannot also count as Natural Science.

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
MATH& 107 or above		5
PHIL& 120	Symbolic Logic	5

Humanities

Minimum of fifteen credits in two separate subject areas. A maximum of five credits allowed in Humanities-Performance.

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
Humanities Distribution List		15

Humanities-Performance are defined as hands-on and studio-style courses such as art, theater, music, design, or photography. These courses may include workshops and classes may be divided into two parts: a lesson and an activity.

Natural Sciences

Minimum of fifteen credits in two separate subject areas. At least five credits must be a lab. Lab courses are identified in the course title. Only five credits from the category that includes CS 100 or PHIL& 120 or MATH& 107 or above can count toward the Natural Science distribution.

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
Natural Sciences Distribution List		15

Social Sciences

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
Social Sciences Distribution List		15

Electives

Maximum of three credits in physical education. Maximum of fifteen credits vocational or restricted area courses. Maximum of three credits of private music instruction.

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
Electives		25
COLL 101	College Success	5

Students are strongly encouraged to take [COLL 101](#) within their first two quarters.



Student Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate academic skills at the college level, e.g., literacy, quantitative and critical thinking, composition, and the acquisition of information
- Employ modes of inquiry basic to philosophical, scientific, mathematical, social, historical, and literary studies
- Demonstrate knowledge in the humanities and arts, natural and physical sciences, mathematics, and the social sciences
- Integrate knowledge drawn from diverse areas of study