

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS BY DEGREE

## Associate Degrees & Degree Programs

Ocean County College offers Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees. All degree programs contain a core General Education foundation required by all two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

### Associate in Arts Degree

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Communication	9
	History	6
	Humanities	9
	Social Science	6
	Diversity <sup>1</sup>	3
	Mathematics (3-8 cr.) / Science (3-8 cr.) / Technology (0-4 cr.) <sup>2</sup>	12
	Elective Courses	15
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> This requirement cannot be satisfied by the same course used to satisfy the categories above.

<sup>2</sup> Students must select one math course, one lab science course, and one technology course, and must complete the 12 cr. requirement with any additional math or science 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.

### Associate in Science Degree

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Communication	6
	Humanities	3
	Social Science	3
	Additional Humanities or Social Science	3
	Mathematics (3-8 cr.) / Science (3-8 cr.) / Technology (0-4 cr.) <sup>1</sup>	9
	Additional General Education Credit (from the categories above)	6
	Department Concentration / Program Specific Requirements	18
	Elective Courses	12
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

### Associate in Applied Science Degree

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Communication	6
	Humanities or Social Science	3
	Mathematics – Science – Technology <sup>1</sup>	3
	Additional General Education Credit (from the categories above)	8
	Program Specific Requirements	37
	Elective Courses	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students must select any math, science, or technology course from the current List of Approved General Education Courses.

## General Education Requirements

General education courses are grouped into several major categories:

- Communication
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology
- Social Science
- Humanities
- History
- Diversity/Global and Cultural Awareness
- Information Literacy
- Ethical Reasoning

## Graduation Requirements for Degree Programs

A degree signifying graduation from Ocean County College will be awarded to all students completing an approved planned program, provided the following minimum conditions have been filled:

1. A student must have earned at least 60 semester hours of credit with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.00
2. If a student has taken developmental classes, these courses do not count toward meeting graduation requirements for any degree. Sufficient additional credits must be completed to meet the 60 credit minimum for a degree.
  - a. Veterans, active duty personnel and those who have completed basic training may apply to receive credit from the Veterans Affairs office. A copy of DD Form 214 and a request for HEHP credit must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office.
  - b. Distribution of Semester Hours of Credit for Degrees

### Additional Graduation Requirements

1. Required courses in all programs of study are as stipulated in the catalog at the time the student matriculates in a degree program as long as the student is continuously enrolled.
2. A student must have earned at least 30 semester hours of credit at Ocean County College.
3. Ocean County College officially graduates students in January, and confers degrees three times per year: January, May and August. We will still have only one Commencement Ceremony in May, and all applicants for that academic year are eligible to participate. For

example, students who graduate in January are eligible to participate in the Commencement Ceremony the following May.

4. Students are required to follow the curriculum as outlined in the catalog at the time of matriculation (degree status). If the student skips a year (a consecutive fall and spring semester), the catalog at the time of reactivation is in effect. The option does exist to update to a more current catalog. If a student changes his/her curriculum, the current catalog at that time is in effect.
5. Students must file a free graduation application at the Cashier's Office. Applications are available in the Registration and Records office. The application deadlines are posted on our website.

### **Notes**

1. ENGL 091, ENGL 095, ENGL 098, and MATH 023 cannot be used to satisfy degree requirements.
2. Students placed in ENGL 091, ENGL 095, ENGL 098, and MATH 023 as a result of the College Placement Test scores will be required to complete these courses in addition to the general education requirements.
3. It is strongly recommended that writing courses be taken in sequence. For example, ENGL 151 should be taken immediately after completion of ENGL 095.