

# COLLEGE TRANSFER HANDBOOK

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# WELCOME !

Dear College Transfer Student,

Welcome to the College Transfer program at Blue Ridge Community College! Academically and economically, Blue Ridge's College Transfer Program is the right choice. You have joined the hundreds of students who have selected our programs of study as an excellent first step toward a baccalaureate degree. We are very proud of our programs and their proven ability to provide a firm foundation upon which to form and to continue educational goals.

Blue Ridge Community College is one of the most respected Community Colleges within the North Carolina Community College System. Each semester we enroll hundreds of students in one of our seven college transfer programs: The Associate in Arts (A.A.), The Associate in Arts Transfer Core Diploma, The Associate in Science (A.S.), The Associate in Science Transfer Core Diploma, The Associate in Fine Arts (Art) (A.F.A.(Art)), The Associate in Fine Arts (Drama) (A.F.A.(Drama)), and The Associate in Fine Arts (Music) (A.F.A.(Music)) programs. Each year, Blue Ridge Community College students successfully transfer to public and private four-year institutions of higher education, including Western North Carolina University, UNC-Asheville, Appalachian State University, NC State, Mars Hill, UNC-Charlotte, and many others. Many of our students have chosen to continue on to graduate schools. The academic groundwork for their success was laid at Blue Ridge. If you are interested in great start to higher education, Blue Ridge is a smart place to start.

Under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement between North Carolina's Community College System and its University System, students earning the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science degree are guaranteed acceptance into one of the NC public four-year institutions. As well, the completion of the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree can give a student junior status and up to 64 transferable credits.

Our exceptional faculty will ensure that you receive an education equal to the first two years at a four-year institution, and our advisors and counselors will guide you through the transfer process. As an added bonus, you will save thousands of dollars in tuition and fees by completing your first two years of higher education at Blue Ridge Community College.

This handbook contains useful information about our College Transfer Program. As you read through the pages, you will discover that our greatest strength is the quality of the education we offer. Our goal is to work with you to help you realize your full academic and professional potential. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I decide which of the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Fine Arts (Art), Associate in Fine Arts (Drama), or the Associate in Fine Arts (Music) degrees is the best one for me?

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree program is designed for students who plan to major in non-scientific liberal arts areas. However, the A.A. is our most flexible degree program is able to meet the needs of students who will be majoring in a wide variety of different fields of study.

The Associate in Science (A.S.) degree program is designed for students who plan to enter math or science-based majors at a four-year institution. Emphasis within the A.S. degree program is on science and mathematics.

The Associate in Fine Arts (Art) (A.F.A. (Art)), Associate in Fine Arts (Drama) (A.F.A. (Drama)), and the Associate in Fine Arts (Music) (A.F.A. (Music)), are degree programs designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution where they will major in the area of performing or teaching art, drama, or music.

Be sure to talk with your Counselor and your Academic Advisor in order to get help deciding which of these degree programs is best for you.

What's the difference between a Counselor and an Advisor and how do I know who is mine?

The College Transfer Counselor is a member of the Counseling Team of the Student Services Department. The College Transfer Counselor has specific expertise in the ins and outs of how college transfer works, and can guide you through the process during your time at Blue Ridge. Pride Carson, in our Student Services Department, currently serves as Blue Ridge's College Transfer Counselor.

Upon admission to your degree program, the Registrar's Office will assign a faculty member to serve as your Academic Advisor. This person will be the one who actually registers you for your classes each semester.

Both your Advisor and your Counselor are happy both to assist you in selecting courses appropriate to your area of interest, and to provide for you a sense of continuity during your time here at Blue Ridge.

What do I need to do to earn an A.A. or an A.S. degree?

You will need to complete the 44 semester-hour General Education Core requirements, plus 20 more hours of electives, plus the ACA 115 class, for a total of 65 semester-hours. The specific courses you may choose are outlined on the College Transfer Worksheet. However, your intended major and the school to which you wish to transfer should influence your course-choices as well.

Be sure to talk with your Counselor and your Academic Advisor in order to get help deciding which courses will lead you most smoothly toward your goals.

What is a "major" ?

A major is a field of study at a four-year institution of higher learning, in which you specialize by taking courses specifically designated as major courses in that field of study. You should decide on a major by the time you transfer to the university.

### What does “pre-major” mean?

“Pre-major” refers to a specific plan of study within the A.A. or A.S. degree-program, designed for community college students which will prepare them for a specific major at the four-year institution. Pre-major outlines have been developed through negotiations between the NC University System and the NC Community College System. They serve as a blueprint for guiding community college students in selecting courses appropriate to their selected major.

### What if I haven’t decided on a major?

That’s okay. College is meant to be a place to discover new fields of interest and open doors to new possibilities. Taking a variety of courses can help to clarify interests and talents. However, it will be most beneficial to you to decide on a major by the time you transfer to the university.

Be sure to talk with your Counselor and your Academic Advisor in order to get help deciding upon a major. Also, the Job-Link Career Center here on campus offers career counseling and skills/interests assessment for further help.

### What is the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement and why is it important to me?

The Comprehensive Articulation Agreement is an agreement governing transfer between the NC Community College System and the state university system that went into effect in the fall of 1997. Under this agreement students completing Associate in Arts (A.A) and Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees at community colleges, with grades of “C” or better, are able to transfer all 64 semester hours of credit to senior institutions, entering the university with junior status. To view the entire agreement, use this link:

[http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/assessment/reports/student\\_info/caa.htm](http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/assessment/reports/student_info/caa.htm)

For those who may want to transfer before completing a full degree, the agreement also specifies a 44-semester hour “General Education Core” which, if completed with grades of “C” or better, will meet the general education requirements of any state university in NC. At Blue Ridge, there is an option for those completing the 44-semester hour “General Education Core, to graduate from Blue Ridge with a Transfer Core Diploma.

The agreement also specifies which courses are approved for transfer, which include all courses in Blue Ridge’s A.A., A.S. and A.F.A. degrees. Courses approved for transfer under the agreement have a statement to that effect in the course description in back of the Blue Ridge catalog.

### What’s the minimum number of semester hours of transfer credit needed in order to be accepted by a four-year college or university as a transfer student?

Most four-year institutions require from 24 to 30 transferable semester hours to meet “transfer” admissions requirements. Students with less than this may be accepted and transfer individual courses, but they are accepted on the basis of freshman admission standards. Transfer admission is based on a student’s college record (SAT scores not generally needed), while freshman admission is based on the high school record, SAT scores, etc...

### What is the easiest way to transfer and be sure that the courses I take meet the requirements of the college I want to attend?

Under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement, if you complete the prescribed 44 semester hour “General Education Core,” with grades of “C” or better, all 44 semester hours will transfer and you will have met the lower division (freshman & sophomore) general education requirements at all state universities and most private institutions in NC. If you complete the entire 64 semester hour Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree with grades of “C” or better, all 64 semester hours transfer and you will have junior status at the four year institution.

However, neither completing the core or a degree guarantees admission to a specific university, as that is based on performance at the community college. (Note: Completing the core does not exempt students from meeting an individual university's foreign language and physical education requirements. Foreign language requirements can typically be met by taking two foreign language courses as part of the Gen. Ed. Core humanities requirement.)

#### What is the minimum course grade required for transfer?

In most cases, a grade of "C" or better is required for a course to transfer.

#### What happens if I make a D or an F?

It's best to retake the class. If you retake a class, the second grade will be used to calculate your Blue Ridge grade point average (GPA).

#### What about my over-all grade point average?

A minimum 2.0 grade point average is required for transfer, with many colleges and programs requiring higher GPA's. UNC-Asheville and UNC-Chapel Hill require higher GPA's, for example, and a 2.5 GPA is a typical requirement for someone wanting to enter a teacher training program.

Students should be aware that when courses are repeated, many universities count all attempts in the cumulative GPA, while Blue Ridge "forgives" the earlier grade, counting only the most recent attempt. Thus a student who has a 2.0 cumulative GPA on his Blue Ridge transcript, but who has repeated courses after making grades of "D" or "F," may have his GPA lowered in the admissions decision process at the four-year institution.

#### What if I don't stay at Blue Ridge long enough to complete the 44 semester hour core or have earned credits from colleges that are not part of the NC Comprehensive Articulation Agreement?

In these cases you are not covered under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement and your courses transfer to the senior institution on a course-by-course basis. Lists of community college course equivalencies and recommended courses for meeting general education requirements are often posted on university web sites; copies of many of these are available from the College Transfer counselor in the Student Services Department.

#### What are state "Minimum Course Requirements," and why are they important to me?

If you are under the age of 24, North Carolina requires that you have completed specified courses in high school before you are eligible to enroll in a state university. Briefly, these are: four units of English; in math, Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry; three sciences, including at least one physical science and one life or biological science; two units of social studies, including one U.S. History; and, beginning with 2004 high school graduates, two units of a foreign language.

Students failing to meet these requirements can have them waived by: (1) earning the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in Fine Arts degree; (2) completing the 44-SH General Education Core; or (3) completing six hours of transferable credit each in English, math, science, social science and, beginning with 2004 high school graduates, a foreign language. Note that GED graduates, having left high school early, are almost always MCR-deficient and must take one of the above steps in order to transfer before age 24.

#### Is it best to stay at Blue Ridge long enough to earn the entire Associate degree?

In most cases this works well, as all courses in the A.A., A.S. or A.F.A. degrees generally transfer. You will transfer as a junior and, if you choose both specific core courses and the required 20 semester hours of electives with your eventual major in mind, you should be able to earn the first two years towards your bachelor's degree as fast at Blue Ridge as you can at a university. Note: the "Pre-

Major Options,” many listed in the Blue Ridge catalog and others available from the College Transfer Counselor, suggest appropriate choices for many majors.

There are some professional programs, such as teacher education and engineering, where it can be advantageous to leave Blue Ridge before completing the full two-year degree due to specific university curriculum requirements. The College Transfer Counselor can help you with this decision.

#### How is transfer handled for the Associate in Fine Arts degree?

Transfer with the A.F.A. degree is less clearly defined than with the A.A. and A.S. degrees. While the individual courses in the A.F.A. degree are approved for transfer under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement and students completing the degree can expect to transfer as juniors, how the courses apply towards the bachelor’s degree will depend on the individual university. Whether specific arts courses are applied towards major requirements or are counted as electives can vary widely.

Another difference is that the A.F.A. degree contains only 28 semester hours of general education courses, not enough to complete the “General Education Core” and meet university general education requirements. Transferring students will be expected to meet those requirements at the university.

The A.F.A. program directors can help you determine the universities at which transfer works most advantageously. It is also important that you be in touch with the particular university departments to which you are considering transferring.

#### What courses won’t transfer?

Developmental courses (those whose course numbers start with a “0” prefix, such as MAT 080) are designed to prepare you to succeed in college-level work and do not transfer. The transferability of other courses you might take when starting your college career at Blue Ridge, such as ACA 115, Success & Study Skills, or ACA 120, Career Assessment, will vary from school to school. Remember that it takes a grade of “C” or better for a course to transfer.

All of the courses listed in the catalog for the A.A., A.S. and A.F.A degrees are transferable under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Some courses from other programs may transfer, but that will vary from school to school. Check with the College Transfer Counselor and the college to which you hope to transfer if you have questions about specific courses.

An easy way to determine whether a particular course is approved for transfer under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement and how it is used (whether for the General Education Core or for elective credit) is to check the course description in back of the Blue Ridge catalog.

#### What is the “Transfer Core Diploma”?

For those who may want to transfer before completing the full Associate degree, the agreement also specifies a “Transfer Core Diploma” which includes the 44 semester hour “General Education Core”. Completing the 44-hour Core with grades of “C” or better will satisfy the general education requirements of any state university in NC.

#### The NC Comprehensive Articulation Agreement in a Nutshell:

If you are pursuing the Associate in Art or Associate in Science degrees, you can expect the following when you transfer:

#### *If you transfer courses without completing the 44-hour General Education Core:*

All courses which are identified for transfer will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis using the general education requirements of the university or college to which you are transferring.

Transferable Blue Ridge courses which do not meet a general education requirement of the university

or college will be transferred as electives. (The transferability of a course can be identified by the transfer statement at the end of a course-description entry in the back of the Blue Ridge catalog.) It is important to note that the general education core for which you are held accountable will be that of the university and not Blue Ridge's.

*If you do complete the 44-hour General Education Core (within your degree or as the Core Diploma):* Completion of our 44 SHC general education core allows you to transfer with general education complete with the following exceptions:

- You may be required to complete the university's physical education requirement as a junior or senior. These credits will be taken from your electives at the university.
- You may need to take two semesters of a foreign language so as to meet the university's requirement if you did not do so in your general education core at Blue Ridge. It is, therefore, wise to take a foreign language as part of your Blue Ridge humanities requirement in order to make sure that you will not have to do this at the university.
- You may be required to take one or more upper division general education classes at the university. These are typically 300 or 400 level classes, which all juniors and seniors are required to take and which are not available at Blue Ridge.
- At Blue Ridge, there is an option for those completing the 44-semester hour "General Education Core, to graduate from Blue Ridge with a Transfer Core Diploma.

*If you complete the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree:* Completion of either of these degrees with grades of "C" or better in all courses, gives you junior status and 64 transferable credits.

*The guidelines of the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (C.A.A.) are void if:*

- You have transfer credit from a college/university that does not endorse the C.A.A.
- You have credit based on quarter hours
- You are using CLEP credit as part of your degree program

If any of these exceptions apply to you, then your Blue Ridge work will be evaluated on a course by-course basis, using the university or college's own general education requirements.

#### How can I learn about four-year college options?

Blue Ridge College Transfer Coordinator, Pride Carson, can provide information about college options and has access to a variety of college guides, catalogs, view books and applications. College guides, catalogs and information can also be found in the JobLink Career Center, the Blue Ridge college library and the Student Services Department reception area.

Nothing beats visiting the campuses of colleges which interest you. Short of a visit, almost all colleges today have web pages that can provide a wealth of information. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to get information from college and university admissions representatives when they come to campus, such as for the annual Henderson County College Night program in September or for specific transfer recruiting visits to Blue Ridge.

The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) maintains an excellent website in order to assist you in collecting information about the universities in the state. It also has information to assist you in finding funding for your college education. You will find a wealth of information at the CFNC website: [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org).

#### What if I want to attend a private school?

The basic procedure is the same. In fact, many of the state's private schools have also signed on to the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. A list of these schools is included in this booklet on page 17. The best plan is to contact the Admissions Office of the private school in which you are interested and make sure you are the right track. Also, go to their website and download the information about

your intended major and share that information with your Counselor and your Academic Advisor as you choose your courses here at Blue Ridge.

#### How many credit-hours are necessary to be considered a full-time student?

Twelve semester hour is considered full-time for purposes of insurance, veteran's benefits, and financial aid. In order to complete a bachelor's degree in four years without attending summer school, student must typically earn 16 semester hours of degree-related credit per semester.

#### If I work, should I try to take fewer hours?

If you work, or if you have time-intensive family commitments, you will have less time available for classes and for out of class studying and assignments. A good "rule-of-thumb" is that for every hour you spend in class, you will need two hours of study-time outside of class.

Your own best judgment as to your ability to keep up your class work should be the primary guide, but some have found that the following guide has been useful:

- Under normal circumstances, if you work 10 hours per week, taking 12 – 16 credit hours should be manageable.
- Under normal circumstances, if you work 20 hours per week, taking 10 – 12 credit hours should be manageable.
- Under normal circumstances, if you work 30 hours per week, taking 7-9 credit hours should be manageable.
- Under normal circumstances, if you work 40 hours per week, taking 3-6 credit hours should be manageable.

No student may take more than 21 semester hours without written permission from the Dean for Student Services.

#### If I have concerns about a course or an instructor, to whom do I speak?

Your first and best recourse is always to speak directly to your instructor. If, after speaking to your instructor, you still have concerns, then you may speak to the Arts and Sciences Division Director, your Faculty Advisor, the College Transfer Coordinator, and/or the Vice President of Instruction.

#### How do I go about getting special accommodation for my disability?

If you have a disability that requires accommodations, you should contact the Director of Disability Services. The Director of Disability Services will evaluate the documentation of your disability, and develop a plan that includes reasonable accommodations, and provide you with a copy of this plan to share with your instructors.

#### Where can I get transfer help here at Blue Ridge?

If you have questions while at Blue Ridge or even after transferring to a College or University, please feel free to write or call Pride Carson (694-1801 or pridec@blueridge.edu) who currently serves as Blue Ridge's College Transfer Counselor. She is located in the Student Services Department, in the Sink Building, in room 137.

#### What about all my other questions?

The Blue Ridge Catalog contains information on admissions, tuition, financial aid, registration, grading, curriculum policies, student life, and a wealth of other subjects. The Student Services Department has personnel in these areas who are happy to help you with your questions, or to direct you to other college personnel who are able to answer your questions.

## *PLANNING YOUR TRANSFER:*

Good planning can enhance a successful transfer to the four-year educational institution. You will need to know what majors a particular university or college offers, degree requirements, and transfer requirements.

- University catalogs are very helpful and can be found in the Student Services Library or in our Blue Ridge Library.
- As well, university web sites contain lots of information. University of North Carolina campuses can be found on the internet at [www.northcarolina.edu](http://www.northcarolina.edu) Under the Quick Links, click on campus websites.
- University Admissions Offices can provide information for students, and most universities will offer campus tours and transfer information sessions. Again, contact the individual university's website.

If you have questions about transfer while at Blue Ridge or even after transferring to a College or University, please feel free to contact Pride Carson (694-1801 or [pridec@blueridge.edu](mailto:pridec@blueridge.edu)) who currently serves as Blue Ridge's College Transfer Coordinator. She is located in the Student Services Department, in the Sink Building, in room 137.

To find out what majors are offered by the different North Carolina public Universities check out this link: [www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/assessment/reports/profiles/current.htm](http://www.northcarolina.edu/content.php/assessment/reports/profiles/current.htm) and view the "Institutional Profiles."

# COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

At Blue Ridge, through the College-Transfer Program, a student can work toward a 4-year college degree and transfer up to 64 hours of coursework toward that degree to any of the 16 public universities in North Carolina and many NC private colleges and universities.

## WHO DOES THAT INCLUDE?

- Appalachian State University
- East Carolina University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
- North Carolina Central University
- North Carolina School of the Arts
- North Carolina State University
- University of North Carolina at Asheville
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- University of North Carolina at Wilmington
- Western Carolina University
- Winston-Salem State University

## WHO ARE THE PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES?

- Barber-Scotia College
- Barton College
- Belmont Abbey College
- Bennett College
- Brevard College
- Campbell university
- Catawba College
- Chowan College
- Gardner-Webb University
- Johnston C. Smith University
- Livingstone College
- Louisburg College
- Mars Hill College
- Mount Olive College
- North Carolina Wesleyan College
- Pfeiffer University
- Queens University of Charlotte
- St. Andrews Presbyterian College
- Warren Wilson College
- Wingate University

## *THE DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES*

At Blue Ridge Community College, the Student Services Department stands ready to serve you. Here staff members provide a variety of services which are designed to ensure that Blue Ridge students reach both their academic and career goals. The services that are available are aimed at meeting both the immediate and the long-term needs which are part of student life. From admissions to graduation, the Blue Ridge Department of Student Services provides the assistance Blue Ridge students need in order to succeed.

### *Office Hours and Location:*

On the Flat Rock Campus, Blue Ridge Student Services is located in the David W. Sink, Jr. Building on the first floor.

At the Transylvania Center, Student Services is located in TRC-A Room 103 .

The Office on the Flat Rock Campus maintains the following hours:

- Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Fridays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Please check with the Student Services Receptionist for office hours during semester breaks, holidays, times of inclement weather or during the summer, as office hours may vary during these times.

Phone: 828-694-1800      Fax: 828-694-1693

# YOUR TRANSFER RIGHTS

So that you can be sure you will receive the credits you deserve when you transfer, it is important that you know your rights under the NC Comprehensive Articulation Agreement, the provisions of House Bill 739 and Senate Bill 1161 (1995 session of the NC General Assembly).

If you are pursuing the Associate in Art or Associate in Science degree, when you transfer to any state university in NC, and the private colleges and universities who have also signed the NC Comprehensive Articulation Agreement, you can expect the following:

**If you transfer courses *without completing* the 44-hour General Education Core:**

All courses which are identified for transfer will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis using the general education requirements of the university or college to which you are transferring. Transferable Blue Ridge courses which do not meet a general education requirement of the university or college will usually be transferred as electives. (The transferability of a course can be identified by the transfer statement at the end of a course-description entry in the back of the Blue Ridge catalog.) It is important to note that the general education core for which you are held accountable will be that of the university and not Blue Ridge's. No course with a grade below the grade of "C" is transferrable.

**If you *do complete* the 44-hour General Education Core (within your degree or as the Core Diploma):**

Completion of the 44 SHC General Education Core at Blue Ridge, with grades of "C" or better, will meet the general education requirements of any state university in NC, and the private colleges and universities who have also signed the NC Comprehensive Articulation Agreement, with the following exceptions:

- You may be required to complete the university's physical education requirement as a junior or senior. These credits will be taken from your electives at the university.
- You may need to take two semesters of a foreign language so as to meet the university's requirement if you did not do so in your general education core at Blue Ridge. It is, therefore, wise to take a foreign language as part of your Blue Ridge humanities requirement in order to make sure that you will not have to do this at the university.
- You may be required to take one or more upper division general education classes at the university. These are typically 300 or 400 level classes, which all juniors and seniors are required to take and which are not available at Blue Ridge.

**If you complete the entire 64 SHC Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree:**

Completion of either of these degrees gives you junior status and up to 64 transferable credits.

**The guidelines of the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (C.A.A.) are void if:**

- You have transfer credit from a college/university that is not fully regionally accredited.
- You have credit based on quarter hours
- You are using CLEP credit as part of your degree program

If any of these exceptions apply to you, then your Blue Ridge work may be evaluated on a course by-course basis, using the university or college's general education requirements.

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## COLLEGE TRANSFER WORKSHEETS

The worksheets on the following pages are provided merely for your convenience. Please be sure to consult with your Faculty Advisor and with the College Transfer Counselor as you are planning which courses to take each semester.

# A.S.SOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

## THE 44-SEMESTER HOUR GENERAL EDUCATION CORE

### English Composition: (6 semester hours required)

ENG 111	Expository Writing	3_____		
ENG 113	Literature Based Research	3_____	( ENG 114 Prof Research and Reporting will also fulfill the requirement	3_____)
Subtotal (6)				

**Humanities/Fine Arts: (12 semester hours required).** Four courses from at least three different discipline areas must be selected. Courses must include one literature course and one foreign language course.

**1) Select a Literature Course from the following (one course required):**

ENG 231	American Literature I	3_____	ENG 241	British Literature I	3_____
ENG 232	American Literature II	3_____	ENG 242	British Literature II	3_____
ENG 233	Major American Writers	3_____	ENG 262	World Literature II	3_____

**2) Select a Foreign Language Course from the following (one course required):** NOTE: Foreign Language Lab hours are counted as Elective credits.

A.S.L*	111	Elementary A.S.L I	3_____	GER*111	Elementary German I	3_____
A.S.L*	181	A.S.L Lab 1 (1Sem.hr.)		GER*181	German Lab I (1Sem.hr.)	
A.S.L*	112	Elementary A.S.L II	3_____	GER*112	Elementary German II	3_____
A.S.L*	182	A.S.L Lab 2 (1Sem.hr.)		GER*182	German Lab II (1Sem.hr.)	
A.S.L*	211	Intermediate A.S.L I		SPA* 111	Elementary Spanish I	3_____
3_____				SPA* 181	Spanish Lab I (1Sem.hr.)	
A.S.L*	281	A.S.L Lab 3 (1Sem.hr.)		SPA* 112	Elementary Spanish II	3_____
FRE* 111		Elementary French I	3_____	SPA* 182	Spanish Lab II (1Sem.hr.)	
FRE* 181		French Lab I (1Sem.hr.)		SPA 211	Intermediate Spanish I	3_____
FRE* 112		Elementary French II	3_____	SPA 212	Intermediate Spanish II	3_____
FRE* 182		French Lab II (1Sem.hr.)				

\* Denotes a co-requisite, course cannot be taken by itself.

**3) Select a Third Course from the following:**

ART 111	Art Appreciation	3_____	HUM 211	Humanities I	3_____
			HUM 212	Humanities II	3_____
COM 231	Public Speaking	3_____			
			MUS 110	Music Appreciation	3_____
DRA 111	Theater Appreciation	3_____			
DRA 112	Literature of the Theater	3_____	PHI 210	History of Philosophy	3_____
DRA 115	Theatre Criticism	3_____	PHI 240	Introduction to Ethics	3_____
HUM 110	Technology and Society	3_____	REL 110	World Religions	3_____

**4) Select a Fourth course from any of the Humanities/Fine Arts courses listed above.**

Name of Course\_\_\_\_\_ 3\_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal (12)

**Social/Behavioral Sciences: (12 semester hours required).** Four courses from at least three different areas must be selected. Courses must include either HIS 111 or HIS 112.

**1) Select either HIS 111 or HIS 112:**

HIS 111 World Civilizations I 3\_\_\_\_\_, OR HIS 112 World Civilizations II 3\_\_\_\_\_

**2) and 3) Select two courses from the Social/Behavioral courses listed below, choosing each from a different Social/Behavioral discipline area:**

ANT 210	General Anthropology	3_____	PSY 150	General Psychology	3_____
ANT 220	Cultural Anthropology	3_____	PSY 237	Social Psychology	3_____
			PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3_____
ECO 251	Principles of Microeconomics	3_____	PSY 281	Abnormal Psychology	3_____
ECO 252	Principles of Macroeconomics	3_____			
			SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3_____
GEO 111	World Regional Geography	3_____	SOC 213	Sociology of the Family	3_____
GEO 130	General Physical Geography	3_____	SOC 220	Social Problems	3_____
POL 120	American Government	3_____			

**4) Select a Fourth Course from the courses below or any of the Social/Behavioral Science courses listed above.**

HIS 131 American History I 3\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Course\_\_\_\_\_ 3\_\_\_\_\_

HIS 132 American History II 3\_\_\_\_\_

Subtotal (12)

**Mathematics:(6 semester hours required)** MAT 171/171A or MAT 161/161A is required (cannot use both for the 6 hrs requirement). NOTE: Math Lab hours are counted as Elective credits.

**1) Select either MAT 161/161A or MAT 171/171A (+ any corequisite lab)**

MAT\*161 College Algebra 3\_\_\_\_\_ OR MAT\*171 Pre-Calculus Algebra 3\_\_\_\_\_

MAT\*161A College Algebra Lab (1Sem.hr.) \_\_\_\_\_ MAT\*171A Pre-Calculus Algebra Lab (1Sem.hr.) \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Select a Second Math Course (+ any corequisite lab) from the following:**

MAT*140	Survey of Mathematics	3	_____	MAT 165	Finite Mathematics	3	_____
MAT*140A	Survey of Mathematics Lab(1Sem.hr.)			MAT 165A	Finite Mathematics Lab (1Sem.hr.)		
MAT*141	Mathematical Concepts I	3	_____	MAT*172	Pre-Calculus Trigonometry	3	_____
MAT*141A	Mathematical Concepts I Lab(1Sem.hr.)			MAT*172A	Pre-Calculus Trig Lab (1Sem.hr.)		
MAT*142	Mathematical Concepts II	3	_____	MAT*175	Pre-Calculus	3	_____
MAT*142A	Mathematical Concepts II Lab (1Sem.hr.)			MAT*175A	Pre-Calculus Lab (1Sem.hr.)		
MAT*151	Statistics I	3	_____	MAT 271	Calculus I	4	_____
MAT*151A	Statistics Lab (1Sem.hr.)			MAT 272	Calculus II	4	_____

**Subtotal (6)**

\* Denotes a co-requisite, course cannot be taken by itself.

**Science: (8 semester hours required)**

**Select two courses (+ any corequisite lab) from the following:**

A.S.T* 111	Descriptive Astronomy	3	_____	CHM* 131	Introduction to Chemistry	3	_____
A.S.T* 111A	Descriptive Astronomy Lab	1	_____	CHM* 131A	Introduction to Chemistry Lab	1	_____
BIO 111	General Biology I	4	_____	CHM 132	Organic and Biochemistry	4	_____
BIO 112	General Biology II	4	_____	CHM 151	General Chemistry I	4	_____
BIO 120	Introductory Botany	4	_____	CHM 152	General Chemistry II	4	_____
BIO 130	Introductory Zoology	4	_____	PHY* 110	Conceptual Physics	3	_____
BIO* 140	Environmental Biology	3	_____	PHY* 110A	Conceptual Physics Lab	1	_____
BIO* 140A	Environmental Biology Lab	1	_____	PHY 151	College Physics I	4	_____
				PHY 152	College Physics II	4	_____

**Subtotal (8)**

\* Denotes a co-requisite, course cannot be taken by itself.

**THE ELECTIVES**

**Select 21 hours of Electives from the above courses and/or the electives listed below:**

(2 semester hours are recommended for Health and PE. CIS 110 is also recommended.)

**ACA 115 Success & Study Skills: 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Required course)**

**Math Labs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Foreign Language Labs:** \_\_\_\_\_

ACC 120	Principles of Accounting I	4	_____
ACC 121	Principles of Accounting II	4	_____
ART 283	Ceramics I	3	_____
ART 284	Ceramics II	3	_____
ART 131	Drawing I	3	_____
ART 132	Drawing II	3	_____
BIO 165	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	_____
BIO 166	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	_____
BIO 175	General Microbiology	3	_____
BUS 110	Introduction to Business	3	_____
BUS 115	Business Law I	3	_____
BUS 228	Business Statistics	3	_____
CIS 110	Introduction to Computers	3	_____
CIS 115	Intro. to Program & Logic	3	_____
COE 111	Co-op Work Experience I	1	_____
CSC 134	C++ Programming	3	_____
DRA 130	Acting I	3	_____
DRA 131	Acting II	3	_____
FRE 161	Cultural Immersion	3	_____
HEA 112	First Aid & CPR	2	_____
HIS 151	Hispanic Civilization	3	_____
HIS 162	Women and History	3	_____
HIS 221	African-American History	3	_____
HIS 227	Native American History	3	_____
HIS 231	Recent American History	3	_____
HIS 233	History of Appalachia	3	_____
HIS 234	Cherokee History	3	_____
HUM 123	Appalachian Culture	3	_____
JOU 110	Introduction to Journalism	3	_____
MAT 252	Statistics II	3	_____
MAT*252A	Statistics II Lab	1	_____
MUS 151	Class Music I	1	_____
MUS 152	Class Music II	1	_____

MUS 251	Class Music III	1	_____
MUS 252	Class Music IV	1	_____
PED 110	Fit and Well for Life	2	_____
PED 111	Physical Fitness I	1	_____
PED 117	Weight Training I	1	_____
PED 118	Weight Training II	1	_____
PED 120	Walking for Fitness	1	_____
PED 121	Walk, Jog, Run	1	_____
PED 125	Self-Defense-Beginning	1	_____
PED 128	Golf-Beginning	1	_____
PED 130	Tennis-Beginning	1	_____
PED 137	Badminton	1	_____
PED 139	Bowling-Beginning	1	_____
PED 143	Volleyball-Beginning	1	_____
PED 145	Basketball-Beginning	1	_____
PED 147	Soccer	1	_____
PED 148	Softball	1	_____
PED 152	Swimming-Beginning	1	_____
PED 160	Canoeing-Basic	1	_____
PED 165	Sports Science as a Career	3	_____
PED 173	Rock Climbing	1	_____
PED 181	Snow Skiing-Beginning	1	_____
PED 254	Coaching Basketball	2	_____
PED 256	Coaching Baseball	2	_____
PED 259	Prev & Care Athletic Injuries	2	_____
POL 130	State and Local Government	3	_____
SOC 215	Group Processes	3	_____
SPA 161	Cultural Immersion	3	_____
Other Elective Hours:			
Name of Course	_____	hours	_____
Name of Course	_____	hours	_____
Name of Course	_____	hours	_____
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Name of Course	_____	hours	_____
Name of Course	_____	hours	_____
Name of Course	_____	hours	_____
Name of Course	_____	hours	_____

**Subtotal (21)**

\* Denotes a co-requisite, course cannot be taken by itself.

# A.S.SOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

## THE 44-SEMESTER HOUR GENERAL EDUCATION CORE

### English Composition: (6 semester hours required)

ENG 111	Expository Writing	3_____		
ENG 113	Literature Based Research	3_____	( ENG 114 Prof Research and Reporting will also fulfill the requirement 3_____)	
	<b>Subtotal (6)</b>			

**Humanities/Fine Arts: (9 semester hours required)** Three courses from three different discipline- areas must be selected. One literature course must be included.

**1) Select a Literature Course from the following (one course required):**

ENG 231	American Literature I	3_____	ENG 241	British Literature I	3_____
ENG 232	American Literature II	3_____	ENG 242	British Literature II	3_____
ENG 233	Major American Writers	3_____	ENG 262	World Literature II	3_____

**2) and 3) Select two courses from the Humanities/Fine Arts Courses listed below, choosing each from a different Humanities/Fine Arts discipline-area. NOTE: Foreign Language Lab hours are counted as Elective credits.**

A.S.L* 111	Elementary A.S.L I	3_____	SPA 212	Intermediate Spanish II	3_____
A.S.L* 181	A.S.L Lab 1 (1Sem.hr.)		ART 111	Art Appreciation	3_____
A.S.L* 112	Elementary A.S.L II	3_____	COM 231	Public Speaking	3_____
A.S.L* 182	A.S.L Lab 2 (1Sem.hr.)		DRA 111	Theater Appreciation	3_____
A.S.L* 211	Intermediate A.S.L I	3_____	DRA 112	Literature of the Theater	3_____
A.S.L* 281	A.S.L Lab 3 (1Sem.hr.)		DRA 115	Theatre Criticism	3_____
FRE* 111	Elementary French I	3_____	HUM 110	Technology and Society	3_____
FRE* 181	French Lab I (1Sem.hr.)		HUM 211	Humanities I	3_____
FRE* 112	Elementary French II	3_____	HUM 212	Humanities II	3_____
FRE* 182	French Lab II (1Sem.hr.)		MUS 110	Music Appreciation	3_____
GER*111	Elementary German I	3_____	PHI 210	History of Philosophy	3_____
GER*181	German Lab I (1Sem.hr.)		PHI 240	Introduction to Ethics	3_____
GER*112	Elementary German II	3_____	REL 110	World Religions	3_____
GER*182	German Lab II (1Sem.hr.)			<b>Subtotal (9)</b>	
SPA* 111	Elementary Spanish I	3_____			
SPA* 181	Spanish Lab I (1Sem.hr.)				
SPA* 112	Elementary Spanish II	3_____			
SPA* 182	Spanish Lab II (1Sem.hr.)				
SPA 211	Intermediate Spanish I	3_____			

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**Social/Behavioral Sciences: (9 semester hours required)** Three courses from three different discipline-areas must be selected. Courses must include either HIS 111 or HIS 112.

**1) Select either HIS 111 or HIS 112:**

HIS 111	World Civilizations I	3_____	<b>OR</b>	HIS 112	World Civilizations II	3_____
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**2) and 3) Select two course from the Social/Behavioral courses listed below, choosing each from a different Social/Behavioral discipline-area.**

ANT 210	General Anthropology	3_____	PSY 150	General Psychology	3_____
ECO 251	Principles of Microeconomics	3_____	PSY 237	Social Psychology	3_____
ECO 252	Principles of Macroeconomics	3_____	PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3_____
GEO 111	World Regional Geography	3_____	PSY 281	Abnormal Psychology	3_____
GEO 130	General Physical Geography	3_____	SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3_____
POL 120	American Government	3_____	SOC 213	Sociology of the Family	3_____
			SOC 220	Social Problems	3_____
				<b>Subtotal (9)</b>	

### Natural Sciences / Mathematics (Minimum of 20 hours required).

#### Natural Sciences (8 Semester Hours minimum):

**A minimum two-course sequence** from the following general biology, general chemistry, or general physics courses is required.

Select a two-course sequence from the following two-course sequences:

BIO 111	General Biology I	4_____	<b>and</b>	BIO 112	General Biology II	4_____	<b>or,</b>
CHM 151	General Chemistry I	4_____	<b>and</b>	CHM 152	General Chemistry II	4_____	<b>or,</b>
PHY 151	College Physics I	4_____	<b>and</b>	PHY 152	College Physics II	4_____	
				<b>Subtotal (8)</b>			

**Mathematics (6 Semester hours minimum):** One course in mathematics at the pre-calculus algebra level or above is required; the other course(s) may be higher level mathematics or statistics. **NOTE Math Lab hours are counted as Elective credits and are listed below in the elective section.**

**1) Select one course (+ any co-requisite lab) from the following:**

MAT*171	Pre-Calculus Algebra	3_____			
MAT* 172	Pre-Calculus Trigonometry	3_____	MAT* 175	Pre-Calculus	3_____

2) Select one course (+ any co-requisite lab) from the following:

MAT*172	Pre-Calculus Trigonometry	3 _____	MAT 271	Calculus I	4 _____
MAT*175	Pre-Calculus	3 _____	MAT 272	Calculus II	4 _____
			MAT*151	Statistics I	3 _____
					Subtotal (6)

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**Natural Sciences/Mathematics (6 additional semester hours required):** Credits must be selected from courses designated as Natural Sciences/Mathematics general education transfer courses. NOTE: Math Lab hours are counted as Elective credits and are listed below in the elective section.

1) and 2) Select two courses (+ any co-requisite lab) from the following:

MAT*151	Statistics I	3 _____	BIO 120	Introductory Botany	4 _____
MAT* 165	Finite Mathematics	3 _____	BIO 130	Introductory Zoology	4 _____
MAT*172	Pre-Calculus Trigonometry	3 _____	BIO* 140	Environmental Biology	3 _____
MAT*172A	Pre-Calculus Trig Lab	1 _____	BIO* 140A	Environmental Biology Lab	1 _____
MAT*175	Pre-Calculus	3 _____	CHM*131	Introduction to Chemistry	3 _____
MAT 271	Calculus I	4 _____	CHM*131A	Introduction to Chemistry Lab	1 _____
MAT 272	Calculus II	4 _____	CHM 132	Organic and Biochemistry	4 _____
A.S.T*	111 Descriptive Astronomy	3 _____	CHM 151	General Chemistry I	4 _____
A.S.T*	111A Descriptive Astronomy Lab	1 _____	CHM 152	General Chemistry II	4 _____
BIO 111	General Biology I	4 _____	PHY* 110	Conceptual Physics	3 _____
BIO 112	General Biology II	4 _____	PHY*110A	Conceptual Physics Lab	1 _____
			PHY 151	College Physics I	4 _____
			PHY 152	College Physics II	4 _____
					Subtotal (6)

\* Denotes a co-requisite, course cannot be taken by itself.

**OTHER REQUIRED HOURS BEYOND THE 44-HR. GEN. ED. CORE**

**A minimum of 14 Semester Hours of college transfer courses in mathematics, natural sciences or computer science is required.**

**PLEA.S.E NOTE: Choose from courses in mathematics or natural sciences listed above, OR from the courses listed here below. See your Academic Advisor and/or the Blue Ridge Transfer Coordinator, Pride Carson for more information about what might be best for your particular academic and transfer plans.**

**Select 14 semester hours from the following:**

MAT 140*	Survey of Mathematics	3 _____	BIO 165	Anatomy and Physiology I	4 _____
MAT 140A*	Survey of Mathematics Lab	1 _____	BIO 166	Anatomy and Physiology II	4 _____
MAT 141*	Mathematical Concepts 1	3 _____	BIO 175	General Microbiology	3 _____
MAT 141A*	Mathematical Concepts 1 Lab	1 _____	CIS 110	Introduction to Computers	3 _____
MAT 142*	Mathematical Concepts 2	3 _____	CIS 115	Intro. to Program & Logic	3 _____
MAT 142A*	Mathematical Concepts 2 Lab	1 _____	CSC 134	C++ Programming	3 _____
MAT*151A	Statistics Lab	1 _____		Other Math/Science/Comp. Sci.	_____
MAT 161*	College Algebra	3 _____		Other Math/Science/Comp. Sci.	_____
MAT 161A*	College Algebra Lab	1 _____		Other Math/Science/Comp. Sci.	_____
MAT 165A*	Finite Mathematics Lab	1 _____		Other Math/Science/Comp. Sci.	_____
MAT 171A*	Pre-Calculus Algebra Lab	1 _____		Other Math/Science/Comp. Sci.	_____
MAT*172A*	Pre-Calculus Trigonometry Lab	1 _____		Other Math/Science/Comp. Sci.	_____
MAT*175A*	Pre-Calculus Lab	1 _____		Other Math/Science/Comp. Sci.	_____
					Subtotal (14)

\* Denotes a co-requisite, course cannot be taken by itself.

**7 additional semester hours from general education core or pre-major/elective courses are required:**

ACA 115 Success & Study Skills 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (This is a required course for the A.S. Program.)

Math Labs: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Language Labs: \_\_\_\_\_

Select semester hours from any courses listed above, or from the following:

**NOTE ALSO: There are other transferable courses in the Blue Ridge Catalog which may be used for this section. See your Academic Advisor and/or the Blue Ridge Transfer Coordinator, Pride Carson for more information about what might be best for your particular academic and transfer plans.**

ACC 120	4 _____	HIS 162	3 _____	PED 118	1 _____	PED 254	2 _____
ACC 121	4 _____	HIS 221	3 _____	PED 120	1 _____	PED 256	2 _____
ART 131	3 _____	HIS 227	3 _____	PED 121	1 _____	PED 259	2 _____
ART 132	3 _____	HIS 231	3 _____	PED 125	1 _____	POL 130	3 _____
ART 283	3 _____	HIS 233	3 _____	PED 128	1 _____	SOC 215	3 _____
ART 284	3 _____	HIS 234	3 _____	PED 130	1 _____	SPA 161	3 _____
BUS 110	3 _____	HUM 123	3 _____	PED 137	1 _____	Other	_____
BUS 115	3 _____	JOU 110	3 _____	PED 139	1 _____	Other	_____
BUS 228	3 _____	MAT 252	3 _____	PED 143	1 _____	Other	_____
COE 111	1 _____	MAT* 252A	1 _____	PED 145	1 _____	Other	_____
DRA 130	3 _____	MUS 151	1 _____	PED 147	1 _____	Other	_____
DRA 131	3 _____	MUS 152	1 _____	PED 148	1 _____	Other	_____
FRE 161	3 _____	MUS 251	1 _____	PED 152	1 _____	Other	_____
HEA 112	2 _____	MUS 252	1 _____	PED 160	1 _____	Other	_____
HIS 131	3 _____	PED 110	2 _____	PED 165	3 _____	Other	_____
HIS 132	3 _____	PED 111	1 _____	PED 173	1 _____	Other	_____
HIS 151	3 _____	PED 117	1 _____	PED 181	1 _____	Other	_____
							Subtotal (7)

\* Denotes a co-requisite, course cannot be taken by itself.