

OSU Bacc Core Comparison with AAOT Requirements

Requirements	OSU Bacc Core	AAOT
Writing	6-9 credits; total of 9 with 3 possible in comm	8 credits; (WR 121, 122, 123, 127)
Mathematics	3-4 credits	4 credits
Communications Rhetoric	(3 credits); for a total of 9 credits with writing	3 credits
Fitness	3 credits	0 credits
Arts and Letters	3-12 credits; from 3 different perspective categories (Lit & Arts, Cult Div, West Cult)	10 credits; at least 2 disciplines
Social Sciences	3-12 credits; from 3 perspective categories (Cult Div, Soc Processes, West)	15 credits; at least 2 disciplines
Science/Math/ Computer Science	12 credits; one bio, one phys and one additional	15 credits; 3 lab courses of at least 12 credits in bio/physical science
WIC	3 credits	0 credits
DPD	3 credits	0 credits
Synthesis	6 credits	0 credits
TOTAL	45	55

Strengths	Problems
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAOT systematically requires more courses in each of a limited number of categories; our Perspectives categories disperse concentration of humanities, arts, and social sciences. • AAOT categories are traditionally recognized divisions within universities (e.g., science, math, arts/humanities, social sciences, writing, etc.) • AAOT focused solely on lower division courses – helps students get a general education relatively early in career • AAOT requires communication class, OSU Bacc Core does not • AAOT designed as a total package, not meant to be unwrapped – appears to be a coherent whole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAOT is 10 more credits than OSU Bacc Core <i>without</i> WIC, DPD, or synthesis requirements – not a reduction in resources or numbers of credits • Could potentially narrow the breadth of classes students take; maybe exempt classes in major from serving as bacc core classes? • AAOT categories don't appear to recognize the inter- and cross-disciplinary nature of knowledge • Many Bac Core courses are upper division courses; what would happen if we switched to all lower division Bac Core courses (with few exceptions)? Can departments/colleges handle the shift in numbers? • Designated OSU DPD courses may be different from equivalently named/numbered courses at Community Colleges • Students in some majors (engineering, natural and physical sciences, and fine and performing arts) cannot easily accommodate required coursework