

Occidental College and Pasadena City College Articulation Agreement
Beginning Fall 2026
Established June 2026

This articulation agreement is intended to provide guidance to Pasadena City College (PCC) students who plan to apply to Occidental College. It does not guarantee admission to Occidental College and is intended for advising purposes only.

Students who enroll at Occidental will be welcomed into a supportive learning community. Every transfer student will have a dedicated academic advisor for their chosen major. Occidental's Transfer Student Orientation is designed specifically to support the unique needs of transfer students as they start their first semester. Throughout their time at Occidental all transfer students are invited to a biweekly Transfer Tea to build community with other transfer students, identify co-curricular opportunities at Occidental that are relevant to their individual interests and goals, and connect with campus resources that can support them through graduation.

PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility requirements to apply as a transfer student to Occidental:

- Be a high school graduate or have completed a GED
- Have completed at least one semester (16 units) of academic coursework at an accredited¹ college or university by the time you plan to enroll at Occidental

Competitive transfer applicants to Occidental typically have:

- Completed at least one year of college-level study
- Taken a full course load (three to four academic courses per term) in the semesters preceding their entry term at Occidental
- Maintained a GPA of 3.6 or higher in academic coursework

Full time enrollment expectation of Occidental students: Transfer applicants should be prepared to enroll full time at Occidental. Occidental students are expected to take 16 units each semester to stay on track to graduate. To be full time at Occidental, students must be enrolled in at least 12 units.

For more information, please see the [transfer student academic requirements](#).

PART 2: TRANSFER CREDIT POLICIES

- A maximum of 64 semester credits will be accepted as transfer to count toward an Occidental degree (inclusive of units awarded for AP exams).
- A minimum grade of "C-" or higher is required for the course to transfer to Occidental.
- PCC courses transferred to fulfill Occidental major, minor, or Core requirements (see details below) should be taken for a letter grade.
- Certain courses must be taken in person. Please see PART 6 for more details.

¹ Accreditation must be by Higher Learning Commission (HLC), Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), or Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC, WSCUC, ACCJC) at the time of attendance.

- Students may be granted credit for subjects in which they have completed Advanced Placement (AP) examinations with scores of 4 or 5.

The complete [Transfer Credit section](#) of the Occidental College Catalog provides more details.

PART 3: MAJORS AND MINORS

This website details the available [Areas of Study](#) at Occidental, including majors, minors, and other curricular emphases.

Major Preparation: The [Transfer Advising Handbook](#) provides transfer student advice for each major at Occidental. For students interested in majoring in Economics or Media Arts & Culture, please note the following requirements:

- **Economics:** A student applying to enter Occidental as a junior who is interested in majoring in Economics, must have taken the following courses by the time of enrollment:
 - Calculus, via MATH 005A* or 005AH*, or equivalent course, or a score of 4 or 5 on either AP Calculus exam;
 - Microeconomics, via ECON C2001* or C2001H*, or equivalent course, or a score of 5 on the AP Microeconomics exam; and
 - Macroeconomics, via ECON C2002* or C2002H*, or equivalent course, or a score of 5 on the AP Macroeconomics exam.
- **Media Arts & Culture:** Applicants to Occidental interested in majoring in Media Arts & Culture are required to attend Occidental for 3 years due to course sequencing.

Major Completion Requirements and Transfer Credit Policies: The [Programs of Instruction](#) site details the requirements to complete each major or minor at Occidental, as well as transfer credit policies for each program.

PART 4: FIRST-STAGE WRITING PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

The First-Stage Writing Proficiency Requirement for PCC transfer students can be met by completing two of the following PCC expository writing-composition courses in person, passed with a grade of C or higher:

Select two courses from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
English C1000*, C1000H*, C1001*, C1001H*, C1003*, C1003H*, 001AS* Philosophy 025*, 025H*			

Alternatively, a PCC transfer student can meet the requirement by submitting a writing portfolio (if transferring only one expository writing-composition course) or by completing Occidental coursework. Note that AP courses do not satisfy this requirement. Details can be found in the [Proficiency in Writing section](#) of the Occidental College Catalog.

PART 5: CORE REQUIREMENTS

Occidental College Core Requirements:

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** Lab must be taken in person.

The Core Program is a cross-disciplinary array of courses — in the areas of Culture, Arts, Pre-1800s, Science, Mathematics, and Foreign Language — required of all students providing the intellectual foundation for Occidental's commitment to excellence, equity, service, and community. PCC transfer students may meet their Core requirements through equivalent courses taken before matriculation at Occidental, or through the courses designated as meeting Core requirements taken at Occidental, or (as is the case for most transfer students) through a combination of both. It is expected that all Core requirements are completed by the end of the junior year. For more information, please see the [Core Program section](#) of the Occidental College Catalog.

Core Requirement Policies:

- Certain courses must be taken in person. Please see PART 6 for more details.
- Courses intended to fulfill a Core requirement should be taken for a letter grade.
- To satisfy most Core requirements, a course must earn at least 3 semester units. The Arts requirement must be met with a minimum of 4 semester units, for example by taking two 3-unit courses.
- It is possible to fulfill up to two Core requirements by taking one course (e.g., ART 003A is designated with Regional Focus, Arts, and Pre-1800s, but can only fulfill two out of three of these Core requirements).
- An independent study course cannot be used to satisfy a Core requirement.
- With the exception of the language proficiency Core requirement, Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate examinations may not be used to satisfy any other Core requirements.

PART 6: PCC COURSES FULFILLING CORE REQUIREMENTS

Courses that must be taken in person to transfer to Occidental and fulfill a Core requirement are indicated below with an asterisk. A double asterisk indicates that only the lab must be taken in person. A PCC student may request review of a course not listed below for fulfillment of a Core requirement.

CULTURE

No course can fulfill more than one Culture Core requirement.

U.S. Diversity

Select one course from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
Cal-GETC Area 6 - Ethnic Studies: ANTH 086 ENGL 055*, 065*, 075*, 085* HIST 051*, 061A*, 061B*, 071*, 081* PSYC 062, 082 SOC 014*, 014H*, 063*, 073*, 083* or one of the following courses: ART 014* ASL 015* HIST C1001*, C1001H*, C1002*, C1002H*, 008*, 025B* MUSC 025			

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PSYC 072 SOC 035*			
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Regional Focus

Select one course from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
ART 003A*, 003B*, 008* CHIN 010*, 012*, 022*, 050* ENGL 046A*, 046B*, 048*, 078A*, 078B* FRNC 010*, 012*, 016*, 050* GRMN 010, 012 HIST 005A*, 005B*, 009A*, 009B*, 016*, 018*, 019*, 027*, 030* ITAL 010*, 012*, 050* JAPN 010*, 011*, 012*, 050* MUSC 007A, 007B, 021, 027, 028 PHIL 031 RUSS 011 SPAN 042A*, 042B*, 044A*, 044B*			

Global Connections

Select one course from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
ANTH 002, 002H, 004, 005*, 006, 009 ARCH 024A*, 024B* ART 001C*, 004A*, 004B*, 004C*, 004D*, 007*, 009* ARTH C1100*, C1200* ENGL 044A*, 044B*, 044C* GEOG 002, 003 GLBL 001, 002 HIST 001A*, 001B*, 002A*, 002B* LING 015* MUSC 023 PHIL 037 POLS 006*, 021* RELG 001, 002, 003 SPAN 050*			

ARTS and PRE-1800s

Arts

Select two courses from below (for a minimum of 4 semester units total)	Need	In Progress	Complete

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Cal-GETC Area 3A - Arts ARCH 024A*, 024B* ART 001C*, 003A*, 003B*, 004A*, 004B*, 004C*, 004D*, 005*, 007*, 008*, 009*, 014* ARTH C1100*, C1200* CHIN 022*, 050* CINE 007A*, 007B*, 025* DANC 021A*, 021B* DMA 002* FRNC 050* ITAL 050* JAPN 050* MUSC 007A, 007B, 021, 022, 023, 024A, 024B, 025, 027, 028 MUSP 007 PHOT 010* SPAN 050* THRT 001*, 005A*, 005B*			
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Pre-1800s

Select one course from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
ANTH 004, 006 ARCH 024A* ART 003A*, 003B*, 004A*, 004B*, 004C*, 007*, 008*, 009* ARTH C1100* CHIN 022* ENGL 011*, 030A*, 044A*, 045A*, 045B*, 046A*, 078A*, 078B*, 082A* HIST 001A*, 002A*, 005A*, 009A*, 016*, 019*, 061A* LING 011* MUSC 007A PHIL 020A, 020B RELG 001, 002, 003 THRT 005A*			

SCIENCE and MATHEMATICS

Complete three courses from the two categories below, with at least one course from the Lab Science category.

Lab Science

Select from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
AGPS 012 ANAT 025*			

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ASTR 001* BIOL 002*, 003*, 004*, 010A*, 010B*, 011*, 011H*, 014*, 016*, 038*, 039* CHEM 001A**, 001B**, 002A**, 002B**, 008A**, 008B**, 022** ENVS 001*, 003** GEOG 001 & 001L jointly GEOL 001, 002, 003, 006, 012 & (012F or 012L) jointly, 021 & 021L jointly MICR 002* PHSC 003* & 003L* jointly PHYS 002A*, 002B*, 008A*, 008B*, 008C*, 010* & 010L* jointly, 031A*, 031B* PYSO 001*			
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Math/Science

Select from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
AGPS 004* ANTH 001*, 001H* ASTR 012* BIOL 010C* GEOG 001, 004 GEOL 004, 012, 021, 022, 023 MATH 005A*, 005AH*, 005B*, 005BH*, 005C*, 005CH*, 010*, 010H*, 022*, 055*, 055H* NUTR 011 PHIL 030 PHSC 003* PHYS 010* PSYC 002 STAT 015, 018, C1000, C1000H			

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

All students must achieve Language 102-level proficiency in a language other than English. Language courses taken online may not be used to satisfy the language proficiency Core requirement and will not count for Occidental College credit. Students may either

Select one course from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
ARBC 002* ARMN 002* ASL 002*, 003*, 004* CHIN 002*, 002A*, 003*, 004*, 005* FRNC 002*, 003*, 004*, 006* GRMN 002*, 003*, 004*, 005*			

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ITAL 002*, 003*, 004* JAPN 002*, 003*, 004*, 005* LATN 002* PORT 002*, 003*, 004* RUSS 002*, 003*, 004* SPAN 002*, 002A*, 003*, 004*, 005*, 006A*, 006B*			
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or demonstrate [foreign language proficiency](#) as outlined in the Occidental College catalog.

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