

English Transfer Pathway

for Ohio Community College students
transferring to Bluffton University



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This document outlines the [Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathway \(OGTP\) in English](#) that has been designed to provide clarity and consistency for college courses transferring between Ohio 2-year and 4-year public institutions.

This same transfer pathway in English is now approved for students transferring to Bluffton University, through a partnership between 11 Ohio community colleges and 14 private colleges called the [Ohio Consortium for Transfer Pathways to the Liberal Arts](#), and whose faculty and administration have collaborated to expand access and credit clarity for students transferring with an associate's degree from an Ohio community college to an Ohio private college or university.

Pages 1 & 2 of this document outline **community college courses that are approved statewide** for transfer credit toward the bachelor of arts degree in English at an approved 4-year institution. Pages 3-5 show how these courses transfer to Bluffton University to meet bachelor degree requirements.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSEWORK – TOTAL 60-65 CREDITS GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/OHIO TRANSFER 36		Minimum Credit Hours
ENGLISH COMPOSITION AND ORAL COMMUNICATION:		3
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved First Writing course	3
MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND LOGIC		3
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Mathematics course [Recommended: Quantitative Reasoning] ¹	3
ARTS AND HUMANITIES (Two courses from two different areas)		6
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course (Recommended: Humanities related)	3
Course 2:	Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course (Recommended: Arts related)	3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (Two courses from two different areas)		6
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Social and Behavioral Sciences course	3
Course 2:	Any OT36 approved Social and Behavioral Sciences course	3
NATURAL SCIENCES (Two courses from two different areas, one course with a lab)		6-7
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Natural Sciences course with lab	3-4
Course 2:	Any OT36 approved Natural Sciences course	3
ADDITIONAL CREDITS		10
Course 1:	Any OT36 approved Second Writing course	3
Course 2:	Up to 9 additional hours of OT36 approved courses ²	9
GENERAL EDUCATION/OHIO TRANSFER 36 TOTAL:		36-37

Advising Notes:

Where it indicates “Any OT36 approved,” students should work closely with their advisors.

¹ Please note that some institutions may require College Algebra. Check with your receiving institution.

² One recommended course is an OT-36 approved Oral Communication.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ASSOCIATE DEGREE COURSEWORK – <i>Continued from page 1</i>		Minimum Credit Hours
PRE-MAJOR/BEGINNING MAJOR		
Course 1:	American Literature I – Early period (OAH053) or American Literature II – Late period (OAH054)	3
Course 2:	British Literature I – Early period (OAH055) or British Literature II – Late period (OAH056)	3
PRE-MAJOR/BEGINNING MAJOR TOTAL:		6
OTHER REQUIREMENTS		
Foreign Language:	Demonstrate competencies through the intermediate level (Statewide guaranteed transfer courses available in American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish) ¹	6-8
Electives:	It is recommended for students to use these elective hours to explore pursuing a double major or minor using TAG approved courses. May include FYE or Orientation course. ²	9-13
OTHER REQUIREMENTS TOTAL:		15-21
Advising Notes:		
<p>¹ A minimum of two semesters of foreign language should be taken if available. Additional foreign language courses may be needed as well – check with your receiving institution. If more foreign language courses are taken, then the number of elective hours will be lower.</p> <p>² Electives within the major field may be available. Please work with your academic advisor and your receiving institution to determine appropriate elective options</p>		
Associate Degree		Total Credit Hours
ASSOCIATE DEGREE TOTAL:		60-65
SPECIAL NOTES		
<p>Some bachelor-degree granting programs may be competitive and admission into the program is not guaranteed.</p> <p>Students should check with individual institutions for their program admission requirements.</p> <p>Some bachelor-degree granting institutions require additional general education courses outside of the Ohio Transfer 36 and students may be required to take these courses in their junior or senior year. Students will still be able to follow this pathway and complete their bachelor’s degree in approximately 60 additional credit hours.</p>		

How English Pathway Courses Transfer to Bluffton University



The following table outlines how transfer credits from the English transfer pathway and associate's degree will be applied to the bachelor's degree in English at Bluffton University.

Students interested in transferring to Bluffton University should meet with an admission counselor regarding optimal course selection at the community college and admission requirements. Bluffton requires courses in History and a Fine Art (Art, Music, or Theater) as part of its general education requirements, so it is recommended that students use the OT36 Arts and Humanities electives in this area. Additionally, Bluffton University requires 3 credits of Oral Communication (i.e. Public Speaking) and 2 hours of Wellness which could be taken as elective credits in the associate degree program. Bluffton University only requires *one* natural science course, which must have a lab component, and only *one* Social and Behavioral course.

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY COURSE EQUIVALENCIES FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE PATHWAY	Course Number	Credit Hours
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/OHIO TRANSFER 36		
Any OT36 approved First Writing course	ENG 110	3
Any OT36 approved Second Writing course	ENG 110	3
Any OT36 approved Mathematics course	To meet Bluffton's general education requirements, courses in Art, Music or Theatre are recommended	3-4
Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course		3
Any OT36 approved Arts and Humanities course		3
Any OT36 approved Social and Behavioral Sciences course	OT36 S&BS Elective	3
Any OT36 approved Social and Behavioral Sciences course	OT36 S&BS Elective	3
Any OT36 approved Natural Sciences course with lab	OT36 NS Elective	3-4
Any OT36 approved Natural Sciences course	OT36 NS Elective	3-4
Up to 7 additional hours of OT36 approved courses	To meet Bluffton's general education requirements, an Oral Communication course is recommended	
PRE-MAJOR/BEGINNING MAJOR		
American Literature I – Early period or American Literature II – Late period	ENG 240	3
British Literature I – Early period or British Literature II – Late period	ENG 256 or ENG 257	3
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS		
Foreign Language - competencies through the intermediate level (Statewide guaranteed transfer courses available in American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Italian, and Spanish)		6-8
Electives	OT36 Electives	9-13
TOTAL HOURS FROM ASSOCIATE DEGREE:		60-65

Advising Notes:

This Transfer Pathway completes the Associate of Arts degree, which must total at least 60 semester credits and includes 36 credits of the Ohio Transfer 36 (OT36), which are approved general education requirements. OT36 details can be found at <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov/initiatives-upd/ohio-transfer-36>

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Remaining Courses to Complete at
Bluffton University

This table outlines the remaining coursework required for the bachelor of arts in English degree at Bluffton University. A student transferring to Bluffton University with the associate of arts degree and English transfer pathway completed will receive maximum credit, placing them at or near junior standing with introductory coursework in the English major completed. Students interested in transferring to Bluffton University should meet with an admission counselor regarding optimal course selection and admission requirements.

REMAINING COURSEWORK TO COMPLETE THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY	Course Number	Credit Hours
INSTITUTIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS		
Cross-cultural Experience	BENV300	3
Enduring Values Capstone	BENV400	2
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		
1 Introductory literature course	ENG 160	3
2 Writing courses (Creative Writing or Technical Writing)	ENG 202,203,205, Or 207	6
1 Language course (Linguistics or Grammar)	ENG 252 or 271	3
3 200+ Literature courses	ENG 243, 261, 265, 282, 321, 331, 367	9
3 Additional ENG-prefix courses	varies	9
1 Critical Theory course	ENG 401	3
1 Research Seminar course	ENG 402	2
OTHER BACHELOR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS		
Reading the Bible Competency	REL100 or HON120	3
Religious Understanding Competency	variable	3
Students must attend 30 Arts & Lecture events on campus		1
Electives		Varies
TOTAL REMAINING COURSEWORK TO COMPLETE BACHELOR'S DEGREE		60-65

Advising Notes:

A total of 124 hours minimum is required for graduation. For students completing only two years at Bluffton, this includes one hour of credit for attending 30 Arts & Lecture events. To complete the BA with two years at Bluffton, students need to transfer in 60 semester hours of credit. Students matriculating with fewer hours may take additional hours at Bluffton to complete the 124 hours required for graduation. A minor is not required. A statistics course is recommended but not required. Students may enroll in up to 17 hours per semester. Enrolling in over 17 hours in one semester requires special permission plus an overload fee.

Bluffton Enduring Values courses (BENV) prepare students to succeed in local and international contexts. At Bluffton University, the cross-cultural experience is a pivotal element of the general education curriculum, which strives to place each student in an ever-expanding context from individual identity to global citizen. Through personal interactions in diverse settings within and outside of the United States, from Appalachian Kentucky to Guatemala to the Czech Republic, students are challenged to examine what it means to be a responsible citizen in the global community and to develop an ethic of justice, service, and peacemaking.

Sample Degree Map for English Transfer Pathway

English Major at Bluffton University



This sample degree map shows how students who transfer to Bluffton University with the English transfer pathway can complete the bachelor's degree and English major in four semesters.

THIRD YEAR			
SEMESTER 5		SEMESTER 6	
Course Name & Number	Credit Hours	Course Name & Number	Credit Hours
ENG 160 Approaches to Literature	3	ENG 203 Creative Writing Poetry	3
ENG 200+ Literature, such as ENG 243, 261, 367	3	ENG 200+ Literature, such as ENG 261, 265, 282	3
ENG 252 Intro. to Linguistics	3	ENG 210 TESOL Theories and Issues	3
Elective hours	3	ENG Elective	3
REL 100 Intro. to Biblical Worldview	3	BENV Cross-cultural Course	3
Arts & Lecture credit	.5	Arts & Lecture credit	.5
Total Semester Credit Hours	15.5	Total Semester Credit Hours	15.5

FOURTH YEAR			
SEMESTER 7		SEMESTER 8	
Course Name & Number	Credit Hours	Course Name & Number	Credit Hours
ENG 401 Critical Theory	3	ENG 207 Professional and Technical Writing	3
ENG 402 Research Seminar	2	ENG elective	3
ENG 202 Creative Writing: Fiction	3	Elective hours	3
ENG 200+ Literature, such as ENG 243 or 367	3	Elective hours	3
ENG Elective	3	REL XXX Religious Understanding course	3
Elective hours	3	BENV 400 Enduring Values Capstone	2
Total Semester Credit Hours	17	Total Semester Credit Hours	17

Bluffton English Degree and full List of course options available here:

<https://www.bluffton.edu/eng/index.aspx>