



# COLORADO

## Department of Higher Education

### Colorado's guaranteed transfer and guided degree pathways

*Helping students maximize transfer credit, save money and ease the transition to a four-year school*



To help students avoid taking unnecessary courses and earn your degree in as little time as possible, Colorado has developed a general education curriculum that forms the core of most bachelor's degrees and is guaranteed to transfer between all public colleges and universities. Colorado has also developed guided degree pathways to eliminate the guesswork of which courses to take.

### Guaranteed transfer pathways general education curriculum

The guaranteed transfer (gtPathways) general education curriculum forms the core of most bachelor's degrees. This takes some of the guesswork out of transfer because gtPathways courses, in which the student earned a C- or higher, will always transfer and the credit will apply to gtPathways requirements in every Liberal Arts & Sciences bachelor's degree at every public Colorado institution.

Depending on the bachelor's degree, gtPathways course credit may also be applied to major and elective requirements. Courses that are gtPathways approved are designated as such in each institution's Course Catalog. Please see gtPathways Curriculum and Approved Courses at All Colorado Colleges and Universities found at:

- <http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/gtPathways/curriculum.html>

## Guided Degree Pathways

A Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement, also known as a Degree with Designation (DwD), is an agreement among Colorado community colleges and universities. These agreements allow you to graduate from a community college with a 60-credit Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree with designation, such as an Associate of Arts in Business; enroll with junior status at a university; and complete the bachelor's degree in no more than an additional 60 credits (for a total of 120 credits). If you attend full-time (15 credits per semester) and follow the structured schedule, you can complete your bachelor's degree in four years. Here is a list of the agreements:

Agriculture	Animal Science	Anthropology	Art History	Biology	
Business	Chemistry	Communication	Criminal Justice	Economics	
English	French	Geography	Geology	History	Horticulture
Business Management		Mathematics	Music	Philosophy	Physics
Political Science	Psychology-BA		Psychology-BS	Sociology	
	Soil & Crop Sciences	Spanish	Studio Art	Theater	

## Other transfer agreements

Some transfer agreements – in elementary and early childhood education or engineering, for instance - have different requirements and guarantees from the agreements listed above. Please check with the community college where you start and the university you wish to transfer into to ensure you are registering for the appropriate courses.

## Career and Technical Education

Students who successfully complete Career and Technical Education (CTE) coursework may be able to transfer the credit for those courses into an Associate of General Studies (A.G.S.) degree, an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree or a related certificate program. Click on [www.coloradostateplan.com](http://www.coloradostateplan.com) for more information.

**More information:** <http://higherred.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html>