

| CCC Board of Education – Topic Summary | |
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| Topic: | Sociology AST |
| Date: | April 15, 2026 |
| Presenter: | Ann Innis |
| Division/Department: | Institutional Effectiveness and Planning |
| RECOMMENDATION: | Approve new Associate of Science Transfer (AST) degree. |

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

Board review is required for new programs that are submitted to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities for approval.

EXPECTED OUTCOME/RELEVANCE TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY OR CORE THEME:

The Sociology AST degree is one of five programs created by the Transfer Council in 2025 that satisfy House Bill 2998. This degree was approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to help support ongoing projects and Oregon policy initiatives to improve outcomes for transfer students and streamline community college to university transfer.

BACKGROUND:

This degree is a result of the Major Transfer Map (MTM) and Core Transfer Map (CTM) work. The Curriculum Articulation Policy (CAP) was approved by HECC on October 9, 2025, and is required to be in the 2027-28 catalog.

BUDGET IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDS:

This program is comprised of already existing courses. Current student services can support the Sociology AST.

ATTACHMENTS:

Program Supporting Document - Sociology AST, Curriculum Committee Draft Minutes 2026-04-03

FUTURE REPORT:

The Transfer Council will be reviewing this CAP during the 2032-33 academic year. The Board will be notified of any substantive changes or a program suspension.