

Biology

EMPHASIS: Animal Biology (Zoology)/Plant Biology (Botany)

DEGREE: Associate in Science (AS-T #1)

Purpose:

This program is for students who wish to complete a bachelor's degree in such disciplines as general or molecular biology, zoology, microbiology, genetics, entomology, botany, horticulture, soil science, phycology, ecology, marine science, fisheries, or wildlife management.

If you are not well-prepared in high school mathematics and science, you should plan, with your advisor, a three-year program at Centralia College in preparation for transfer to a four-year college or university. The main emphasis in the first year at Centralia should be on strengthening your mathematics, basic sciences, communications, and reading skills.

To ensure optimal course selection, plan your program of study with your advisor.

Program Outcomes:

Please refer to the Distribution Requirements and their criteria listed in the Centralia College catalog.

Learning Themes:

General education outcomes at Centralia College help students, faculty, and the general public identify learning expected when a student has completed a degree or program. The administration, faculty, and staff have agreed upon the following five Learning Themes which students can expect to encounter in their courses by the completion of any degree.

Reasoning:

The ability to extract information from data, develop ideas and solutions, establish logical progression in thinking, and problem solve using such procedures as literary analysis or the scientific methods.

Written, Oral and Visual Communication:

The ability to make oneself understood in public, interpersonal, professional, artistic, and technical arenas.

Exploration-Self and Others:

An awareness of the values, beliefs, customs, and contributions of persons from one's own and other traditions, ethnicities, classes, and genders.

Resourcefulness:

The ability to adapt to change, such as technological innovations or environmental conditions.

Responsibility:

The ability to be accountable to self, society, and the natural world.

Note: Students who plan on transferring to the University of Washington will also need to take one full-year of a foreign language if they have not studied that language for the required amount of time in high school. Also, students going to the University of Washington may wish to take at least one five-credit designated writing course.

The Associate in Science degree represents attainments generally required by four-year colleges and universities for pre-professional programs in scientific disciplines. The need for early concentration on coursework in the chosen scientific major diminishes the general educational experience demonstrated by the Associate in Arts degree. By working with an advisor in the completion of one of the two Associate in Science tracks, you can transfer to one of the Washington State baccalaureate institutions with reasonable assurance that you have completed all or most of the prerequisite courses for the targeted science major.

Centralia College has direct AS-degree transfer agreements with the following colleges:

Central Washington University – Eastern Washington University – Gonzaga University – Pacific Lutheran University – Seattle Pacific University – Seattle University – The Evergreen State College – University of Washington – Washington State University – Western Washington University – Whitworth College

Estimated Quarterly Program Costs (subject to change without notice)

Resident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$1427
US Citizen Nonresident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$1576
Non US Citizen Nonresident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$3381
*Tuition is subject to change due to State Legislative actions	
Books and supplies (estimate):	\$427
Lab fees:	Refer to quarterly class schedule.

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