

The Academic Requirements Committee has reviewed the catalog copy for the Applied Baccalaureate Degree.

The committee has the following concerns with the AB Core Basic Requirements. These questions and concerns reflect a committee discussion, but these issues have not been endorsed through an ARC vote:

The first concern is in regards to the "AB Core Basic Requirements" (WR 135 or above, Math 105 or above, CS 121 or above). If these requirements are included in the 36 minimum credits required for the "AB Core Curriculum," students actually need to only complete an additional 26 credits to complete the AB Core Requirements. This would not allow incoming students to build a portfolio of courses to help build their skill sets and is an insufficient number of general education credits for WOU undergraduate students.

It was recommended that these three courses (WR 135 or above, Math 105 or above, CS 121 or above) be required outside of the 36 minimum credits to complete the AB Core Curriculum.

The second main concern centers on the stipulation that students can enter the AB degree program without having earned an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree (or other terminal/non-transferable degree) but instead could be admitted after completing a minimum of 60 quarter units towards an AAS degree (or other terminal/non-transferable degree).

It was recommended that only students who have completed an AAS degree be admitted to the AB program at WOU. The concern is that leaving the application open to students who have completed 60 credits towards an AAS degree may allow students to bypass the process and requirements that traditional students at WOU must meet.

The third concern is in regards to why Computer Science is listed in two categories: Critical / Quantitative / Scientific Thinking and Technology / Life Skills.

It was recommended that Computer Science only be listed in only one category.

The last concern is in regards to the word "Critical" in the Critical / Quantitative / Scientific Thinking quadrant "Critical thinking" is component of all courses at WOU. 'Logical' is, instead, more in line with Philosophy.

It was recommended the word "Critical" be changed to "Logical" and be listed as Scientific /Quantitative/Logical Thinking."

The ARC would like the degree program to have broad support amongst WOU faculty members and believe that considering these concerns and questions will work towards building support for this program.