

## Important Associate Degree & Academic Certificate Information

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- **15 Credits** must be taken from CSI to get the Associates through CSI.
  - At Rigby we are mainly using C.S.I., but You may get an associate degree through Idaho State University, if students want to work with I.S.U. advisors directly. C.S.I. has offered flexibility, availability, complete online course access for all of their courses at the discount price per credit across the state, and allows graduation for Associate and Gem Stamp Certificates in May.
- **Associate Degree** is First Two Years of College = 60 Credits
  - 36 Core and 24 Electives Credits.
- **Academic Certificate** (also called "**GEM STAMP**") = 36 required core classes as indicated and completes all core requirements freshmen in all Idaho Colleges ONLY. (No guarantee Gem State will work as a package deal to out of state schools.)
- The Associate Degree requirements for CSI works for both Associate of Art (AA) and Associate of Science (AS).
  - Reference CSI Degrees if desiring any other more specific associate degree.
  - (Each degree may require specific general education courses in each area).

**Go to [www.csi.edu/programs](http://www.csi.edu/programs).**
- Associate Degrees and Academic Certificate Completers can walk in CSI Graduation in May of Senior Year.
- Our offerings at Rigby are subject to change from year to year, depending on the faculty currently articulated with dual credit courses and colleges across the state.

### Student Responsibility:

- It is your student's responsibility to follow the outlined associates schedule. If your student deviates from the path, the counselors and C.S.I. advisors cannot guarantee that your student will be able to complete their associate's degree.
- In several college courses once your student misses the class 5 times, your student's grade will be affected. If you miss 7 or more times you will fail the course.
- It is your student's responsibility to request the courses for the following school year.
- If your student fails any class, this may derail them from completing the associate's track. Students will be required to pay for the class, if they choose to retake it, because Advanced Opportunities will not cover it a second time.

### Notables and Funding:

- If there is a change in the associate's schedule your student will be notified.
- For each 1 college credit there is expected to be 3 hours of homework/study outside of class per week.
- Your student receives funding from the state to cover their associate's degree. If you deviate from this path and take non-associate college courses, you will be forced to pay out of pocket for any college course once your student's funding runs out. Rigby College and Career Advisors will come to your college classes to help with funding.