

AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates

Reference:

Title 5 Section ~~5580~~ 55060 et seq. and 55270 et seq.

Associate Degrees

For the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree, a student must satisfactorily complete at least 60 semester units (or 90 quarter units) of college work. A minimum of "C" (2.0) grade point average (GPA) and a minimum of "C" in all courses in the major (field of study), local requirements, and general education. Double counting of coursework is permitted. A course may be used to satisfy both a major requirement and a general education requirement, but not two general education areas.

A definition of "college work" that provides that courses acceptable toward the associate degree include those that have been properly approved pursuant to Title 5 Section 55002(a), or, if completed at other than a California community college, would reasonably be expected to meet the standards of that section.

The work must include at least ~~18~~ 21 semester units (or ~~27~~ quarter units) in general education, 6 units of local requirements, and at least 18 semester units (or 27 quarter units) in a major listed in the Community Colleges "Taxonomy of Programs."

The work must include at least 12 semester units (or 19 quarter units) of study in residence; the Board may excuse the residence requirement to alleviate injustice or undue hardship.

The general education requirements must include a minimum of work in the natural sciences, the social and behavioral sciences, humanities, ethnic studies, oral communication, written communication and mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning.

Students may petition to have noncredit courses count toward the satisfaction of requirements for an associate degree.

District policies and procedures regarding general education and degree requirements must be published in the college catalog and must be filed with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

Bachelor Degree

For the Baccalaureate degree, a student must satisfactorily complete at least 120 semester units of college work. A minimum of "C" (2.0) grade point average (GPA) and a minimum of "C" in all courses in the major (field of study), local requirements, and general education, 21 lower division requirements and 9 units of upper division coursework. Double counting of coursework is permitted. A course may be used to satisfy both a major requirement and a general education requirement, but not two general education areas.

Certificates

For a certificate of achievement, a student must successfully complete a course of study that consists of 16 or more semester units (or 24 quarter units) of degree-applicable credit coursework. The certificate of achievement shall be designed to demonstrate that the student has completed coursework and developed capabilities relating to career or general education.

Shorter credit programs that lead to a certificate may be established by the District.

Content and assessment standards for certificates shall ensure that certificate programs are consistent with the mission of the District, meet a demonstrated need, are feasible, and adhere to guidelines on academic achievement.

Certificates for which California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office approval is not sought may be given any name or designation deemed appropriate except for certificate of achievement, certificate of completion, or certificate of competency.

The District may obtain approval of a direct assessment competency-based program from the California Community College Chancellor's office.