

AP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree, General Education, and Bachelor's Degree

Reference:

Title 5, Section 55061;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A;
WASC/ACS Criterion 1, Indicator 1.4; Criterion 4, Indicator 4.1;
**California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Baccalaureate Degree Pilot
Program Handbook**

1.0 General Education Requirements – Associate Degree

1.1 Educational objectives and intellectual interests of students working for an Associate Degree may differ; however, the awarding of the degree is based on the concept that students must achieve a defined level of knowledge.

1.1.1 A minimum of 24 units of general education courses is required.

1.1.2 Each college will submit to the District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC) additions and deletions to its respective general education course lists.

1.1.3 Associate degree general education courses taken at either Cypress or Fullerton College will satisfy associate degree general education graduation requirements regardless of the college within the District from which the student graduates.

1.1.4 The colleges may establish local degree requirements in addition to General Education requirements in accord with §55063 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Such locally determined degree requirements are not subject to the provisions of section 1.1.3 of this Administrative Procedure and must be met in accord with standards established by the local college.

1.1.5 State-mandated major disciplinary categories of general education courses are:

1.1.5.1 Natural Sciences

1.1.5.2 Social (and Behavioral) Sciences

1.1.5.3 Humanities

1.1.5.4 Language and Rationality

2.0 General Education Requirements – Bachelor's Degree

2.1 Upper division courses are defined as requiring lower division knowledge and applying that knowledge as demonstrated measures of critical thinking through writing, oral communication, or computation. Upper division course work may also

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encompass research elements, workforce training, apprenticeships, internships, required practicum, or capstone projects. Upper division courses typically will have one or more lower division or upper division prerequisites that have been established using content review of the entry skills necessary to be successful as outlined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 5, Section 55003. Courses that have been designated as upper division are only intended to be applicable to baccalaureate degrees.

2.1.1 A minimum of 9 units of upper division general education courses is required.

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