

AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees & Certificates

Reference:

Title 5, Sections 55060, et seq.

- 1.0 For the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree, a student must demonstrate competence in reading, in written expression, and in mathematics.
- 2.0 The student must satisfactorily complete at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of college work.
- 3.0 The work must include at least 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in general education and at least 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major listed in the Community Colleges "Taxonomy of Programs."
- 4.0 The work must include at least 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of study in residence; exceptions to the residence requirement can be made by the Board or its designee when an injustice or undue hardship would result.
- 5.0 The general education requirements must include a minimum of work in the natural sciences, the social and behavioral sciences, humanities, and language and rationality.
- 6.0 For the Associate degree, students must successfully complete 3 units from the college-approved list of multicultural courses.
- 7.0 District policies and procedures regarding general education and degree requirements must be published in the college catalog and must be filed with the State Chancellor's Office.
- 8.0 For the Vocational Certificate Programs, a minimum grade of "C" is required in each college credit course taken. Refer to the college catalogs for specific details for individual certificate requirements.
- 9.0 For a certificate of achievement, a student must successfully complete a course of study or curriculum that consists of 18 or more semester units or 27 or more 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.
- 10.0 Short credit programs that lead to a certificate may be established by the District.
- 11.0 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.
- 12.0 Certificates for which the California Community Colleges Chancellor's 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.

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