



ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

for

- Career and Technical Education Disciplines
- General Studies with Area of Emphasis

Effective Fall 2009 through Summer 2010

Associate in Arts Degree: Career and Technical Education Disciplines

Students may earn this Associate in Arts degree by completing a Certificate of Achievement in addition to other degree and general education requirements listed on pages 3 and 4 of this document. This degree is a good choice for students seeking both a degree and specific job training.

Certificates of Achievement

In addition to standing alone as a certificate, most of the Certificates of Achievement may be used to satisfy the requirements for an Associate in Arts degree major. Certificates which may **NOT** be used as a major are shown in *italics* and designated with an asterisk (*). The specific requirements for each certificate are listed under the appropriate discipline in the MiraCosta College Catalog and are also available online at www.miracosta.edu/counseling.

Accounting

- Accounting
- Bookkeeping

Administration of Justice

- Law Enforcement

Architecture

- Architectural Technology

Art

- Digital Photography

Automotive Technology

- Automotive Technology
- *Automotive Electronics, Computers, and Emissions**
- *California Smog Check Technician**

Biotechnology

- *Bioprocess Technology**
- Research and Development

Business Administration

- Entrepreneurship
- Management
- Marketing
- Retail Management

Business Office Technology

- Office Manager
- Secretary/Administrative Assistant

Child Development

- Child Development Associate Teacher
- Child Development Entrepreneurship
- Child Development Master Teacher

- Child Development Site Supervisor

- Child Development Teacher
- *Early Intervention and Inclusion**

Computer & Information Science

- Computer Applications
- Network and Desktop Systems Administration

Computer Science

- Computer Programming Fundamentals

Cosmetology

- Cosmetology

Dance

- *Dance Instructor**

Design Drafting Technology

- Computer-Aided Design and Drafting
- Computer-Aided Drafting
- Electro-Mechanical Drafting

Dramatic Arts

- Design and Technology

Health Education

- *Massage Therapy Technician**

Horticulture

- Agri-Business Management
- Floriculture
- Landscape Architecture
- Landscape Management
- Nursery/Horticulture Crop Production

Hospitality

- Hospitality Management

Kinesiology

- *Personal Fitness Trainer**
- *Yoga Instructor**

Media Arts & Technologies

- Graphic Design
- *Video and Media Design**
- Web Development and Design

Medical Administrative Professional

- Medical Office Professional

Music

- *Business of Music**
- Digital Audio Production
- Recording Arts/Record Production
- *Sound Reinforcement**

Nursing

- Licensed Vocational Nursing
- Registered Nursing (LVN to RN)**

Radiation Protection Technology

- *Radiation Protection Technician**

Real Estate

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Entrepreneurship

Restaurant Management

- Restaurant Management

Surgical Technology

- Surgical Technology

Tourism

- Travel and Tourism Management

* *This Certificate of Achievement may NOT be used as a major for an Associate in Arts degree.*

** **The Associate in Arts degree requirements for Registered Nursing (LVN to RN) are different from those for the other Certificates of Achievement. See a MiraCosta College counselor for specific degree requirements for Registered Nursing (LVN to RN).**

Associate in Arts Degree: General Studies with Area of Emphasis

This program of study provides an opportunity for students to earn an Associate in Arts degree in a focused area of academic inquiry and is intended for students who **are not** planning to transfer to a four-year institution. This program allows students to explore interrelated disciplines within an area of emphasis.

To satisfy the requirements for an Associate in Arts Degree in General Studies, students must 1) complete 18 units in one of the following Areas of Emphasis: Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences, or Social and Behavioral Sciences, and 2) complete other degree and general education requirements listed on pages 3 and 4 of this document.

Area of Emphasis in Arts and Humanities

Complete 18 units from the following courses in a minimum of three different disciplines. Course units are shown in parentheses. A one-course overlap is permitted between the general education requirements and the area of emphasis.

____ART 100 (3), 101 (3), 103 (3), 157 (3), 158 (3), 177 (3), 201 (3), 254 (3), 258 (3), 259 (3), 260 (3), 290 (3)
____ASIA 105 (3)
____CHNS 101 (4), 102 (4)
____COMM 111 (3), 215 (3)
____DNCE 101 (3), 105 (3)
____DRAM 105 (3), 106 (3), 111 (3), 120 (3), 121 (3), 130 (3)
____FILM 101 (3), 106 (3), 110 (3)
____FREN 101 (4), 102 (4), 201 (4), 202 (4)
____GRMN 101 (4), 102 (4), 201 (4), 202 (4)
____HIST 103 (3), 104 (3)
____HUMN 101 (3), 201 (3), 202 (3), 205 (3), 250 (3), 251 (3)
____ITAL 101 (4), 102 (4), 201 (4)
____JAPN 101 (5), 102 (5), 201 (5), 202 (5)
____LIT 120 (3), 250 (3), 251 (3), 260 (3), 261 (3), 270 (3), 271 (3)
____MUS 105 (3), 108 (3), 109 (3), 113 (3), 114 (3), 115 (3), 116 (3), 117 (3), 118 (3), 119 (3)
____PHIL 101 (3), 102 (3), 105 (3), 122 (3), 221 (3)
____SPAN 101 (4), 102 (4), 201 (4), 202 (4), 203 (3)

Area of Emphasis in Natural Sciences

Complete 18 units from the following courses in a minimum of three different disciplines. Course units are shown in parentheses. A one-course overlap is permitted between the general education requirements and the area of emphasis.

____ANTH 101 (3), 101L (1), 190 (3)
____ASTR 101 (3), 101L (1), 120 (3), 201 (3)
____BIO 101 (3), 101L (1), 102 (4), 103 (3), 105 (3), 150 (4), 170 (4), 172 (3), 172L (1), 202 (4), 204 (4), 220 (4)
____CHEM 100 (4), 102 (4), 103 (3), 103L (1), 104 (5), 108 (3), 110 (5), 111 (5)
____EART 106 (3)
____GEOG 101 (3), 101L (1)
____GEOL 101 (3), 101L (1), 120 (3)
____HORT 116 (4)
____OCEA 101 (3), 101L (1)
____PHSN 101 (3), 106 (3)
____PHYS 111 (4), 112 (4), 151 (4), 152 (4), 253 (4)
____PSYC 260 (3)

Area of Emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences

Complete 18 units from the following courses in a minimum of three different disciplines. Course units are shown in parentheses. A one-course overlap is permitted between the general education requirements and the area of emphasis.

____ADM 100 (3), 105 (3)
____ANTH 102 (3), 103 (3)
____ASIA 107 (3)
____CHLD 121 (3)
____COMM 120 (3), 135 (3), 220 (3)
____ECON 100 (3), 101 (3), 102 (3)
____GEOG 102 (3), 104 (3)
____GERO 101 (3)
____HIST 100 (3), 101 (3), 105 (3), 107 (3), 108 (3), 109 (3), 110 (3), 111 (3), 116 (3), 117 (3), 150 (3), 165 (3)
____PLSC 101 (3), 103 (3), 150 (3)
____PSYC 100 (3), 101 (3), 103 (3), 121 (3)
____SOC 101 (3), 102 (3), 103 (3), 105 (3), 110 (3), 120 (3)

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Units and Overall Grade Point Average (GPA): Complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable units and earn an overall GPA of 2.0 or better in all units used for the degree.

Major and Grades: Complete a minimum of 18 units in a chosen major and complete each course counted toward this unit requirement with a grade of “C” or better (or a “P” if the course is taken on a “pass-no pass” basis). The *Certificate of Achievement* is the major for Career and Technical Education Disciplines, and the *Area of Emphasis* is the major for General Studies. Only one course may be used to satisfy both a major and a general education requirement with the exception of the Child Development Teacher, Child Development Master Teacher, and the Biotechnology Research and Development programs, which are not subject to this limitation. Multiple degrees are not allowed; however, multiple majors are allowed as long as each major has 18 unduplicated credits.

Residency:

1. Complete a minimum of 12 units in residence at MiraCosta College, with at least 6 of those 12 in the major.

AND

Of the last 12 units completed prior to graduation, complete at least 6 in residence at MiraCosta. A student who lacks 6 or fewer units in order to satisfy all degree requirements may be evaluated under the original catalog that applied (see Catalog Rights below).

OR

2. Complete a total of 45 units of degree-applicable courses in residence at MiraCosta College with at least 6 in the major if not in attendance at MiraCosta College during the last semester prior to graduation.

Minimum Competencies: All students seeking an Associate in Arts degree must demonstrate competence in reading, written expression, and mathematics. Achievement of minimum competency does **NOT** mean students have met course work requirements for the Associate in Arts degree. For more information on satisfying minimum competencies, see the MiraCosta College Catalog.

Petition for Degree or Certificate: Students must submit graduation and/or certificate petitions by the 30 percent deadline of the final semester leading to their graduation. (Students intending to graduate during the summer intersession may petition during the spring semester.) Final dates to file a petition are posted on the College Calendar (available in each semester’s class schedule and at www.miracosta.edu). Petitions submitted after the deadline are automatically processed in the subsequent semester.

Catalog Rights: The catalog used to determine graduation eligibility is the catalog operating at the time the student began continual enrollment at MiraCosta unless the student’s petition requests a different catalog. The only other catalogs that can be used to determine eligibility are any catalog in effect during the time the student has maintained continual enrollment at MiraCosta or the catalog in effect at the time the student files his or her petition to graduate. Continual enrollment is defined as attending MiraCosta for more than 30 percent of each semester (approximately 6 weeks) with no more than a one-semester leave (not including summer intersessions). *Note: Students entering during the summer intersession use the catalog in effect for the subsequent academic year.*

General Education: A maximum of one course counted for General Education may also be used toward the major.

Area A: English Composition (3 unit minimum)

_____ ENGL 100 (4 units)

Area B: Communication and Analytical Thinking (3 unit minimum)

_____ BIO 180
_____ BTEC 180
_____ COMM 101, 106, 207, 212
_____ ENGL 201, 202
_____ MATH 101, 103, 105, 106, 115, 125, 130, 135, 150, 155, 260
_____ PHIL 100
_____ PSYC 104
_____ READ 100
_____ SOC 104

Area C: Natural Sciences (6 unit minimum)

One course from Life Sciences and one course from Physical Sciences. One lab course * is required from either Life Sciences or Physical Sciences.

1. Life Sciences

_____ ANTH 101, 101L*, 190
_____ BIO 101, 101L*, 102*, 103, 105, 105L*, 130, 130L*, 150*, 170*, 172, 172L*, 202*, 204*, 220*
_____ HORT 116*
_____ PSYC 260

2. Physical Sciences

_____ ASTR 101, 101L*, 120, 201
_____ CHEM 100*, 102*, 103, 103L*, 104*, 108, 110*, 111*
_____ EART 106
_____ GEOG 101, 101L*
_____ GEOL 101, 101L*, 120
_____ OCEA 101, 101L*
_____ PHSN 101, 106
_____ PHYS 111*, 112*, 151*, 152*, 253*

Area D: Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 unit minimum)

No more than one course may be selected from a single discipline within this area.

_____ ADM 100, 105
_____ ANTH 102, 103, 104, 190
_____ ASIA 107
_____ CHLD 121
_____ COMM 120, 135, 220
_____ ECON 100, 101, 102
_____ GEOG 102, 104
_____ GERO 101
_____ HIST 100, 101, 105, 107, 108, 109, 110**, 111**, 116**, 117**, 150, 165**
_____ PLSC 101, 103, 150
_____ PSYC 100, 101, 103, 121
_____ SOC 101, 102, 103, 105, 110, 120

**** These courses may be applied to either Area D or the American Institutions and History requirement but not to both.**

Area E: Humanities (6 unit minimum)

No more than one course may be selected from a single discipline within this area. In addition, no more than one performance (P) course may be counted for this requirement.

_____ ART 100(P), 101(P), 103(P), 157, 158, 177, 201, 230(P), 254, 258, 259, 260, 290
_____ ASIA 105
_____ CHNS 101, 102
_____ COMM 111(P), 215
_____ DNCE 100, 101, 105
_____ DRAM 105(P), 106, 111(P), 120, 121, 130(P)
_____ FILM 101, 106, 110
_____ FREN 101, 102, 201, 202
_____ GRMN 101, 102, 201, 202
_____ HIST 103, 104
_____ HUMN 101, 201, 202, 205, 250, 251
_____ ITAL 101, 102, 201, 202
_____ JAPN 101, 102, 201, 202
_____ LIT 120, 250, 251, 260, 261, 265, 270, 271
_____ MUS 105, 108, 109, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119
_____ PHIL 101, 102, 105, 122, 221
_____ SPAN 101, 102, 201, 202, 203, 205

Notes:

American Institutions and History: Students may satisfy this requirement in one of the following ways:

1) Complete the course(s) in one of the groups below:

_____ Group I - HIST 110** & 111**
_____ Group II - HIST 116** & 117**

_____ Group III - HIST 141 & 142
_____ Group IV - HIST 145 & 146

_____ Group V - PLSC 102

OR

2) Request an official evaluation of transcripts from other accredited colleges where comparable course work was completed to determine whether or not the requirement has been wholly or partially satisfied. Students who have completed the U. S. portion of the American Institutions and History requirement but have not completed the California state and local government component may satisfy that portion of the requirement by taking one of the following courses: _____ HIST 165** **OR** _____ PLSC 102

**** These courses may be applied to either Area D (Social and Behavioral Sciences) or the American Institutions and History requirement but not to both.**

Health and Physical Fitness: To satisfy this requirement, a student must successfully:

1) Complete _____ HEAL 101 (3 units) **OR** present evidence of successful completion of an accredited registered or vocational nursing program.

AND

_____ HEAL 101L# (1 unit)

U. S. veterans and active duty U. S. military personnel may clear the physical fitness requirement through completion of Basic Training or Recruit Training. These students should submit an original copy of their DD-295 or military transcript to Admissions & Records.

OR

2) Demonstrate minimum proficiency through examination by a written test plus a physical performance test provided through the Kinesiology, Health, and Nutrition Department.