

**Requirements for Graduation: Associate Degrees**

MiraCosta College shall offer the associate in arts and associate in science degrees. To obtain an associate degree, students must accomplish the following:

- A. Complete a minimum of 60 units of approved coursework, including a minimum of 18 units in a college-defined major.
  1. Courses from other U.S. regionally accredited colleges or universities will be evaluated for associate degree requirements based on C-ID number or course description, comparable or equivalent content, and appropriate prerequisites. Students may be required to provide a course outline and/or a syllabus to determine course comparability and a transcript to verify prerequisite completion.
  2. International courses will be evaluated for associate degree major requirements only when course descriptions are submitted in English, along with a transcript evaluated by an approved foreign transcript evaluation service. Course descriptions may also be required for prerequisite review. Only courses that were taught in the English language will be considered for the writing competency requirement.
- B. Complete a minimum of 12 units in residence.
- C. Complete the approved MiraCosta College general education pattern (Plan A) or the CSU-GE (Plan B) or IGETC (Plan C) transferable general education pattern. (See Administrative Procedure 4025).
- D. Satisfy competency in reading, written expression, and mathematics.
  1. Reading competency must be demonstrated by presenting proof of achieving one of the following:
    - a. A score of 3, 4, or 5 on a College Board Advanced Placement English Examination.
    - b. A score of 5 or better on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level English Test.

- c. Completion of one of the following with a minimum grade of "C" or "P": READ 100, ENGL 100, ENGL 100H, ENGL 201, ENGL 201H, ENGL 202, ENGL 202H, or equivalent.
2. Writing competency must be demonstrated by completing one of the following:
    - Present proof of achieving one of the following minimum test scores:
      - A score of 3, 4, or 5 on a College Board Advanced Placement English Examination.
      - A score of 5 or better on the International Baccalaureate English Language A1 Higher Level Examination.
    - Complete one of the following with a minimum grade of "C" or "P" at MiraCosta College or an equivalent course at another regionally accredited college or university: ENGL 100, ENGL 100H, ENGL 201, ENGL 201H, ENGL 202, ENGL 202H.
  3. Mathematics competency must be demonstrated by completing one of the following:
    - Pass a MiraCosta College mathematics course numbered 64 through 270 or equivalent with a minimum grade of "C" or "P."
    - Achieve a qualifying score on a California community college mathematics assessment exam that gives clear placement into a math course that requires intermediate algebra as a prerequisite or has a traceable prerequisite to intermediate algebra.
    - Pass a MiraCosta College course approved for Plan A, Area A2 with a "C or P" or better that has the prerequisite of elementary algebra.
    - Present proof of achieving one of the following minimum test scores:
      - A passing score on the College Board Mathematics Achievement Test (500 Level I; 600 Level II).
      - A score of 3, 4, or 5 on a College Board Advanced Placement Math Examination.
      - A minimum score of 50 on a College-Level Examination Program Subject Exam (College Algebra, Pre-calculus, or Calculus).
      - A score of 4 or better on an International Baccalaureate Mathematics Examination.

Mathematics competency can also be met through the use of multiple measures established by the college, whereby a student is placed into a mathematics course numbered MATH 102 or above or is determined to have previously completed coursework comparable to a MiraCosta course that is designated as meeting the mathematics competency requirement.

4. Competencies may be also met when students complete either the CSU-GE (Plan B) or the IGETC (Plan C) general education pattern or through submission of an official transcript verifying completion of a bachelor's degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution.
  5. Upper-division courses in math or English with a stated prerequisite of intermediate algebra or college-level English, or a traceable prerequisite to intermediate algebra or college-level English, may be used to satisfy competency requirements for the associate degree.
- E. Maintain an overall 2.0 GPA with a grade of "C" or "P" or better in each course counted toward the major. Courses completed with a C- from U.S. regionally accredited colleges may be used to complete this requirement, except in programs such as Registered Nursing and Licensed Vocational Nursing, which are overseen by external accrediting agencies, that do not allow a C-.

### **Requirements for Graduation: Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)**

MiraCosta College shall offer an associate in arts for transfer and an associate in science for transfer degree. To obtain an ADT, students must:

- A. Complete a minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units. Courses from other U.S. regionally accredited colleges will be reviewed for placement on the associate degrees for transfer based on existing C-ID numbers and/or course comparability to the transfer model curriculum template developed by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
- B. Complete a minimum of 18 units in an approved ADT major.
- C. Complete all courses in the major with a "C" or "P" or better. Courses completed with a C- from U.S. regionally accredited colleges may be used to complete this requirement.
- D. Complete the CSU GE (Plan B) or IGETC (Plan C) general education pattern.
- E. Obtain a minimum CSU-transferable GPA of 2.0.
- F. Complete a minimum of 12 units in residence.

### **Multiple Degrees**

Students who are in progress to complete or who have previously been awarded a MiraCosta College associate degree may be qualified for an additional associate degree(s) under the following circumstances:

- A. The additional degree(s) represents a new major.
- B. Each degree has at least 12 mutually exclusive major units.
- C. All degree requirements have been met, including residency, with at least 12 units completed in the new major at MiraCosta College.

### **Requirements for Graduation: College Certificates**

Students may obtain certificates of achievement and certificates of proficiency through MiraCosta College.

#### **A. Certificates of Achievement**

Certificates of achievement are state-approved and thus are printed on a recipient student's transcript. To obtain a certificate of achievement students must:

1. Complete a state-approved program of study consisting of 16 or more semester units. (A sequence of courses consisting of 8 or more semester units may be approved by the Chancellor's Office as a program of study leading to a certificate of achievement if the program satisfies title 5 requirements.)
2. Obtain a "C" or "P" or better in each course counted toward the certificate with the exception that CSU-GE certificates will be awarded according to CSU policies. Courses completed with a C- from U.S. regionally accredited colleges may be used to complete this requirement, except in programs such as Registered Nursing and Licensed Vocational Nursing, which are overseen by external accrediting agencies, that do not allow a C-.

#### **B. Certificates of Proficiency**

Certificates of proficiency are approved locally and are not printed on student transcripts. To obtain a certificate of proficiency students must:

1. Complete a district-approved program of study consisting of fewer than 16 semester units.
2. Obtain a "C" or "P" or better in each course counted toward the certificate. Courses completed with a C- from U.S. regionally accredited colleges may be used to complete this requirement, except in programs such as Registered Nursing and Licensed Vocational Nursing, which are overseen by external accrediting agencies, that do not allow a C-.
3. Complete at least six units, or the maximum number of units required for the certificate, whichever is less, in residence at MiraCosta College.