

Requirements for Graduation

MiraCosta College shall offer the baccalaureate in science degree. To obtain a baccalaureate degree, students must:

- A. Complete a combination of lower-division and upper-division coursework totaling a minimum of 120 semester or 180 quarter units to include the following:
 1. A minimum of twenty-four (24) units of lower-division-major courses
 - a. Lower-division courses acceptable toward the baccalaureate degree are designated as CSU or UC transferable or determined to be at the baccalaureate level.
 - b. Lower-division courses from other U.S. regionally accredited institutions will be evaluated by faculty to determine baccalaureate credit based on course description, comparable content, appropriate prerequisites, or C-ID number.
 - c. All lower-division requirements must be met before the baccalaureate degree is granted.
 - d. International courses will be evaluated for baccalaureate major requirements only when course descriptions are submitted in English, along with a transcript evaluated by an approved foreign transcript service.
 2. Thirty-four (34) units of upper-division-major courses
 - a. MiraCosta College courses designated as upper-division are applicable only to the baccalaureate degree and may not be used to satisfy associate degree requirements.
 - b. Upper-division courses from other U.S. regionally accredited institutions will be evaluated for appropriate major, general education, or elective baccalaureate degree credit.
 - c. When a previously completed lower-division course from another U.S. regionally accredited institution is determined by faculty to be equivalent to an upper-division baccalaureate requirement, the

student will be granted “subject” credit for that requirement, but will still be required to complete an additional upper-division course to meet the total upper-division unit requirement.

3. Completion of the California State University (CSU) GE Breadth (Plan B) or the University of California (UC) intersegmental general education transfer curriculum IGETC (Plan C) lower-division general education patterns (37-41 units)
 - a. Previously completed lower-division general education courses will be evaluated according to the CSU-GE or IGETC certification guidelines.
 - b. Students enrolled in the baccalaureate program who have not completed the CSU-GE or IGETC pattern must complete any remaining CSU-GE or IGETC Areas.
 4. Nine (9) units of upper-division general education courses
- B. Satisfy competency in reading, writing, and mathematics through the completion of the CSU-GE or IGETC general education patterns.
 - C. Complete a minimum of twelve (12) units in residence.
 - D. Maintain an overall 2.0 grade-point average (GPA); courses completed with a “P” may be used toward meeting baccalaureate degree requirements. Courses completed with a C- from U.S. regionally accredited colleges may be used to complete this requirement.