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.