ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS*

To qualify for an associate degree (other than an Associate Degree for Transfer*), the candidate must meet the following requirements:

Courses: Sixty units in the following categories:

I. Major Requirements: Each degree and certificate program specifies courses required for the major. Students must complete these courses with a grade of "C" or better. (Grades of Pass are allowed for Associate Degrees for Transfer.) See the Instructional Programs section of the catalog.

II. General Education Requirements: 24 semester units of general education which include one course or more as indicated in group requirements A, B, C, D, E, and F. Courses from the major may be used to satisfy areas A – F

III. Required Proficiencies: The college requires proficiency in basic learning skills in mathematics and reading. See page 16

IV. Oral Communication Requirement: Completion of 3 units with a grade of "C" or better from the following: Communication Studies 101 or 101H (Interpersonal Communication), Communication Studies 102 or 102H (Public Speaking), Communication Studies 140 (Argumentation and Debate), Communication Studies 145 (Group Dynamics), Communication Studies 152 (Oral Interpretation).

Note: The requirements in parts II, III, and IV may be met by completion of CSU General Education Breadth certification requirements**, by completion of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum requirements, or by submitting a transcript showing completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. The requirements in parts II, III, and IV may also be met by submitting a transcript showing completion of an associate of arts or associate of science degree from a regionally accredited California institution within a ten-year period of finishing major requirements (I) at the college.

Courses numbered less than 100 and preceded by "N" are NOT applicable to the Associate Degree.

** If Business 130 is used to meet CSU GE Area B4 - Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning, then the associate degree (AA, AS) math proficiency may NOT be met. Students using Business 130 for B4, must meet one of the math proficiency requirements in Section III, unless earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T, AS-T). Grade Point Average: A cumulative G.P.A. of at least 2.0 (C).

Residency: At least 12 units completed at (at least six of the units must be in courses required for the major unless students are earning an AA-T or AS-T degree).

Petition for Graduation and Catalog Rights:

Petitions for graduation should be filed in the Office of Admissions and Records one semester before the student expects to graduate. Students who maintain continuous enrollment in at least one regular semester or session of a catalog year (Fall, Intersession, Spring, or Summer) at Santa Ana College or Santiago Canyon College may elect to meet the associate degree or certificate requirements in the catalog in effect at the time of first enrollment, or may choose the catalog requirements from any one year of subsequent continuous enrollment. A student who has an interruption of attendance must use the catalog at the time of readmission or one of subsequent continuous enrollment. Commencement exercises are held once a year at the end of the spring semester for those students who complete the requirements for graduation during the year or the summer session.

Note: Transcripts from all colleges attended must be on file.

* Please see the Catalog for degree requirements for the Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T). Plan A does not meet the general education requirements for Associate Degrees for Transfer

I. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS See the Instructional Programs section of the catalog.

II. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Plan A: 2021–2022

Note: Plan A does not meet the general education requirements for Associate Degrees for Transfer. A single course may be used to meet only one category requirement (A-F) in section II. However, a course may be used to meet both a required proficiency or oral communication requirement, as well as one of the categories of General Education Courses on Plan A. Courses which meet the requirements for Part II of Plan A at Santiago Canyon College will automatically meet the identical requirements for Part II of Plan A at Santa Ana College.

A. NATURAL SCIENCES (minimum 3 units)
- Anthropology 101, 101L
- Astronomy 109, 110 or 110H, 140
- Biology 109 or 109H, 109L, 111, 115, 149, 177, 190, 190L, 200, 211, 239, 259
- Chemistry 109, 119, 209, 210, 219 or 219H
- Earth Science 110 or 110H, 115, 150 or 150H
- Environmental Studies 140, 200, 259
- Geography 101, 101L, 130
- Geology 101, 101L, 140, 150 or 150H, 201
- Physical Science 117, 118
- Physics 109, 210, 217, 279
- Psychology 200
B. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (minimum 6 units)

1. American Institutions (minimum 3 units)
   - History 118, 120 or 120H, 121 or 121H, 122
   - Political Science 101 or 101H

2. Social Science Elective (minimum 3 units)
   - Anthropology 100 or 100H
   - Child Development 107, 110
   - Criminal Justice 101 or 101H
   - Economics 120, 121
   - Geography 100 or 100H, 102 or 102H, 140, 155
   - History 101 or 101H, 102 or 102H
   - Law 100
   - Political Science 101 or 101H
   - Psychology 100 or 100H
   - Sociology 100 or 100H

C. HUMANITIES (minimum 3 units)

- American Sign Language 110, 111, 116, 210, 211
- Anthropology 104 or 104H
- Art 100 or 100H, 101, 102, 105, 107, 110
- Communications and Media Studies 103, 105 or 105H, 111
- Dance 100 or 100H, 105
- Digital Media 101, 103, 104
- English 104 or 104H

Foreign Language:
- Chinese 101, 102
- French 101, 102, 201 or 201H, 202 or 202H
- Italian 120, 121
- Japanese 101, 102
- Spanish 101 or 101H, 102 or 102H, 195A, 195B, 201 or 201H, 202 or 202H
- Vietnamese 101, 102

- Interdisciplinary Studies 121, 200
- Kinesiology, Professional 170
- Literature:
  - Communications and Media Studies 110
  - Music 101 or 101H, 102 or 102H, 104, 105, 110, 111
  - Philosophy 106 or 106H, 108, 112, 118
  - Theatre Arts 100, 105, 120, 123

D. CULTURAL BREADTH (Three units required from D1 or D2)

1. Ethnic Studies / Women’s Studies
   - American Sign Language 116
   - Anthropology 104 or 104H, 125
   - Art 103, 104, 106
   - Asian American Studies 101
   - Black Studies 101
   - Chicano Studies 101
   - Child Development 221
   - Communication Studies 103 or 103H, 206 or 206H
   - English 104 or 104H, 245, 246, 278
   - Ethnic Studies 101 or 101H, 102 or 102H
   - History 123, 124 or 124H, 125, 127, 146, 150, 151, 153, 163, 181
   - Kinesiology, Health Education 102
   - Music 103
   - Nutrition and Food 118
   - Political Science 235
   - Psychology 170
   - Women’s Studies 101, 102
2. International Perspective
   - Anthropology 100 or 100H
   - Business 106
   - Criminal Justice 209
   - Dance 105
   - English 271, 272
   - Geography 100 or 100H, 102
   - Interdisciplinary Studies 117H
   - Kinesiology, Professional 150
   - Music 102 or 102H
   - Philosophy 112
   - Theatre Arts 105

E. LANGUAGE AND RATIONALITY (minimum 6 units)

1. English Composition (minimum 3 units)
   Courses fulfilling the written composition requirement include both expository and argumentative writing. The English composition requirement may be met by completing English 101 or 101H with a grade of "C" or better.

2. Communication and Analytical Thinking (minimum 3 units)
   Includes mathematics, logic, statistics, computer languages and programming and related disciplines.
   - Business 130
   - Communication Studies 102 or 102H, 140, 145
   - Computer Science 100, 105
   - Counseling 144
   - English 102 or 102H, 103 or 103H
   - Mathematics 078, 083, 084, 105, 140, 141, 145, 150, 162, 170, 180 or 180H, 185, 204, 219 or 219H, 221, 280, 287
   - Philosophy 110 or 110H, 111
   - Psychology 210
   - Reading 101X, 102, 150

F. LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING & SELF-DEVELOPMENT (minimum 3 units)
   - Note: Take one course from each group. No more than one (1) unit may be counted from F2.
   - A single course may be used to meet only one category requirement (A-F) in section II. However, a course may be used to meet both a required proficiency or oral communication requirement, as well as one of the categories of General Education Courses on Plan A. Courses which meet the requirements for Part II of Plan A at Santiago Canyon College will automatically meet the identical requirements for Part II of Plan A at Santa Ana College.

   Three units for health education and one unit for Kinesiology may be granted on the basis of military service. Please see a counselor or the catalog for additional information.

1. Completion of one of the following:
   - Child Development 107
   - Counseling 100, 116, 120, 124, 125, 128
   - Entrepreneurship 100
   - Fashion Design Merchandising 103
   - Interdisciplinary Studies 111, 155
   - Kinesiology, Health Education 101, 102, 103, 104, 108
   - Kinesiology, Professional 125, 160
   - Library and Information Studies 100
   - Mathematics 030
   - Nutrition & Food 115 or 115H
   - Philosophy 111
   - Psychology 140, 160, 230
   - Sociology 112
   - Study Skills 109
2. Completion of one of the following:
   Dance 102, 201A, 201B, 206A, 206B, 219A, 219B
   Kinesiology, Adapted Activities 201A, 202A, 202B, 205A, 208A, 208B, 211A, 211B
   Kinesiology, Aerobic Fitness 140, 140A, 143A, 144A, 146A, 146B, 150A, 156A, 156B, 157A
   Kinesiology, Aquatics 201A, 201B
   Kinesiology, Professional 155, 165, 175, 195, 200, 275

   This requirement (F) is met for Fire (as long as Fire Technology 121 and 121L are taken as part of the program), Nursing, and Occupational Therapy Assistant majors by completion of their major.

III. REQUIRED PROFICIENCIES

   Courses listed can also be used to meet General Education Requirements in groups A through F where appropriate. Courses taken to meet these proficiencies must be completed with a grade of C or better.

   A. READING
   The Reading Proficiency will be considered met by earning a C or better in English 101 or 101H.

   B. MATHEMATICS
   1. Completion of Mathematics 083/084 or any other 3 unit mathematics course numbered above the level of 083/084; or Psychology 210;
   - OR -
   2. Recommended placement into Math 140, Math 150, Math 162, Math 180, or Math 219 and without the recommendation of taking a course that provides additional support based on the Santa Ana College Mathematics Department multiple measures placement criteria;
   - OR -
   3. A score of 3 or better on the following AP exams: Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principles (Note: Meets Area B4 on CSU-GE Plan)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENT

   Completion of 3 units with a grade of "C" or better from the following: Communication Studies 101 or 101H (Interpersonal Communication), Communication Studies 102 or 102H (Public Speaking), Communication Studies 140 (Argumentation and Debate), Communication Studies 145 (Group Dynamics), Communication Studies 152 (Oral Interpretation).

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

   A certificate is a verification of competency in a particular occupational skill. Certificate programs normally include only those courses which have a direct bearing upon specialized occupational competency since the certificate has the sole objective of immediate employment in a specialized area. For this reason there is no general education requirement in a certificate program. Santa Ana College certificate programs leading to immediate employment are listed in the catalog. To qualify for a certificate of completion, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

   1. Courses: Courses are designated for the specific certificate.

   2. Grades: At least a C grade in each course required for the certificate, unless otherwise specified. Credit by Examination may also be used to gain credit for required courses.

   3. Pass/No Pass: A pass/no pass course is acceptable toward the certificate if it is required for the certificate and (a) offered on a pass/no pass basis only or (b) if the pass/no pass is earned on the basis of credit by examination.

   4. Residency: Twelve units completed at SAC/SCC. (At least six of the units must be in courses required for the certificate, unless otherwise noted in the catalog.)

   5. Petition: Petition for certificate filed by the student with the Office of Admissions and Records.