

SANTA ANA COLLEGE

POLICY CHANGE: SANTA ANA COLLEGE GENERAL EDUCATION (PLAN A)

New

Revised

Deletion

NAME: GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

List Course(s)/Area/Category and Attach Rationale

TEXT (underline changes and ~~strike through~~ deletions if a revision)

IV. Required Proficiencies

A. Reading

1. Satisfactory score on the SAC/SCC Reading Placement Test at the time of initial placement testing, OR
2. Satisfactory score on a Reading Department Test, OR
3. Successful completion of any Reading course at the 100 level or above, OR
4. A "C" grade, or better, in Engl 102/102H, Engl 103/103H or Phil 110/110H

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Agree Disagree

SAC Curriculum Committee _____ College Curriculum Council _____

SAC Curriculum Chair/Co-Chair _____ Date _____

RATIONALE FOR ADDITIONS/REVISIONS/DELETIONS TO GENERAL EDUCATION (PLAN A)

1. Please write a brief narrative statement as to why this addition/revision/deletion is being proposed.

The Reading Department at Santa Ana College would like to propose that option #4 of the reading proficiency requirement be modified to include a different list of acceptable courses.

We do not believe that success in 9 units in *Natural Sciences* and *Social and Behavioral Sciences* ensures that students read at the 10th grade level of proficiency. For one thing, a "C" grade determines "success," yet departments have various ranges for a "C" grade going down as low as a 60% in some courses. In addition, we have no way of knowing how much reading at the 10th grade level is being assigned.

We believe the remaining three options, which include 2 tests and 3 reading courses, allow the students ample opportunity to prove reading proficiency at the 10th grade level. However, we acknowledge that there are entities on campus who do not want to omit an option for students. Therefore, we have modified the list of acceptable courses under option #4 to include only those critical thinking courses which are offered in our division. These courses are more aligned with our objectives in the Reading Department. Additionally, we will be able to monitor any changes made in these courses through our division curriculum committee.

2. Have all affected departments been notified and/or consulted?

Yes

No