

Associate Degree Requirements

I. Unit, GPA, and Residency Requirements

60 degree applicable units, with at least a 2.0 grade point average in the degree applicable courses. At least 12 of the units must be earned at Santa Ana College, Santiago Canyon College, or a combination of the two the college. Students may petition to waive the residency requirement in order to alleviate injustice and undue hardship. At least 6 of those units must be in courses required for the major unless students are earning an Associate Degree for Transfer.

If units accumulated beyond those required for the degree lower a student's cumulative grade point average below 2.0, Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College will compute the grade point average based solely on those courses used to satisfy the degree requirements, provided that the coursework used to compute the grade point average fulfill all major/area of emphasis and general education requirements.

II. General Education Requirements

24 semester units of general education which include one course or more as indicated in group area requirements 1-7. A, B, C, D, E, and F. See Plan A, page 24 for specific course requirements.

Non-degree applicable courses may not be used for graduation requirements. (Students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) must instead complete Cal-GETC. Students may also use full CSU-GE Breadth or full IGETC certification to earn an ADT, but will need to consult with a counselor to determine CSU-GE/IGETC eligibility). Courses from the major may be used to satisfy areas areas A-F 1-7.

NOTE: The requirements in parts areas II, IV, and V 1-7 may also be met by CSU general education certification, IGETC Cal-GETC certification, or by submitting a transcript showing completion of a bachelor's degree from regionally accredited institution. Students may also use maintain the use of full CSU-GE Breadth certification, or full IGETC certification to meet requirements (student must consult with a counselor to determine CSU-GE/IGETC eligibility). or by submitting a transcript showing completion of a bachelor's degree from regionally accredited institution. In addition, The the requirements in parts areas II, IV, and V 1-7 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 (III) at the college.

* If Business 130 is used to meet CSU-GE Area B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning, then the associate degree math proficiency may not be met. Students must meet one of the math proficiency requirements in section IV below.

III. Major Requirements

Each degree and certificate program specifies courses required for the major (a minimum of 18 units). Students must complete these courses with a grade of "C" or better, or with a "P" if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis* C or better. See Instructional Programs Section. Courses in the student's major may not be taken under the Pass/No Pass policy except for major courses for Associate Degrees for Transfer, courses for which Pass/No Pass is the only grading option, and units earned through credit by examination or assessment.

*A maximum of 14 Pass/No Pass units is allowed for any degree program. This does not include units taken under credit by examination or assessment, or units earned in courses for which Pass/No Pass is the only grading option.

IV. Required Proficiencies

Note: The proficiencies and requirements listed in IV. Required Proficiencies and V. Oral Communication Requirement may also be used to meet General Education Requirements in groups A through F where appropriate. Courses taken to meet 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 English 101H,

B.—Mathematics

Completion of Mathematics 082, 083/084, or any other Mathematics course of 3 or more units, numbered above the level of 083/084, or Psychology 210,

OR

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

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).

V.—Oral Communication Requirement

Completion of 3 units with a grade of “C” or better from the following:

- Communication Studies 100 (Introduction to Communication Studies)
- 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 150 (Organizational Communication)
- Communication Studies 152 (Oral Interpretation)

Petition for Graduation and Catalog Rights

Petitions for graduation should be filed in the ~~Office of Admissions and Records~~ Graduation Office during the semester/session 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 SAC/SCC Catalog in effect at the time of first enrollment, or may choose the catalog requirements from any ~~one~~ one catalog 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 academic year or the summer session from the previous academic year.

NOTE: Official Transcripts from all colleges attended must be on file in the Admissions and Records Office.

Items in black: Changes to address changes to new GE categories and patterns for Fall 2025.

Items in green: Additional changes made to reflect new title 5 requirements all California Community Colleges must implement in Fall 2025