

San Diego Community College District

Procedure
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1.7.3 General Education courses will contribute to the broad education of career technical and transfer students in the major areas of knowledge--quantitative reasoning; arts and humanities; the physical, natural, social, and behavioral sciences. The courses will introduce the student not only to content and methodology but also to historical and aesthetic contexts and implications. These courses will develop a life-long learning capability and the skills for a productive life such as oral and written communication, scientific and quantitative analysis, critical and logical thinking, information competency, computer literacy, interpersonal abilities, creative approaches to problem solving, and various ways to acquire knowledge. General Education courses will also instill the value of ethics, civility, cultural diversity, and the responsibilities of local, national, and global citizenship. General Education Requirements Title 5: Section 55806.

(1) Students receiving an Associate Degree shall complete a minimum of 18 semester or 27 quarter units of general education, including a minimum of three semester or four quarter units in each of the areas (A1), (A2), (B),(C) and (D). The remainder of the unit requirement is also to be selected from among these four divisions of learning or as determined by local option:

A. Courses in language and rationality include the principles and applications of language for logical thought, clear and precise expression, and critical evaluation of communication in whatever symbol system the student uses.

1. Courses fulfilling the written composition requirement will include both expository and argumentative writing and include reading and composition, and business communications.

2. Courses fulfilling the communication and analytical thinking requirement include oral communication, mathematics, logic, statistics, computer languages and programming, information competency and related disciplines.

B. Courses in the natural sciences are those that examine the physical universe, its life forms, and its natural phenomena. To satisfy the General Education Requirement in natural sciences, a course will be designed to help the student develop an appreciation and understanding of the scientific method, and encourage an understanding of the relationships between science and other human activities. This category would include introductory or integrative courses in astronomy, biology, chemistry, general physical science, geology, meteorology,

oceanography, physical geography, physical anthropology, physics and other scientific disciplines.

- C. Courses in the humanities are those which study the cultural activities and artistic expressions of human beings. To satisfy the General Education Requirement in the humanities, a course will be designed to help the student develop an awareness of the ways in which people throughout the ages and in different cultures have interacted with one another. These courses will help students improve their aesthetic sensitivities and understanding of ethical behavior as it applies to the human condition and will promote the ability to make value judgments when appropriate. Such courses could include introductory or integrative courses in the arts, foreign languages, literature, philosophy, and religion.
- D. Courses in the social and behavioral sciences are those which focus on people as members of a culturally diverse society. To satisfy the General Education Requirement in social and behavioral sciences, a course will be designed to develop an awareness of the method of inquiry used by the social and behavioral sciences. It will be designed to stimulate critical thinking about the ways in which people become effective citizens who are willing to assume civic, political, social, and environmental responsibility. This category would include introductory or integrative survey courses in cultural anthropology, cultural geography, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology and related disciplines.
- (2) While a course might satisfy more than one general education requirement, it may not be counted more than once for these purposes. A course may be used to satisfy both a general education requirement and a major requirement. Whether it may be counted again for a different degree requirement is a matter for each college to determine. Students may use the same course to meet a general education requirement for the Associate Degree and to partially satisfy a general education requirement at the California State University, if such course is eligible under the provisions of Section 40405 of this title.
- (3) Ethnic Studies will be offered in at least one of the required areas.
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