

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

AP 4100 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

References:

Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq. and 55070 et seq.

The District offers a variety of degrees and certificates. To earn a degree or certificate, students must meet the requirements listed below. The District must also meet the requirements listed below.

For an associate's degree (AA/AS) the requirements for students include:

- Demonstrated competence in reading, in written expression, and in mathematics for the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree
- Satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester units of college work. "College work" refers to courses acceptable toward the associate degree. Such courses have been properly approved pursuant to Title 5 Section 55002(a) or, if completed at other than a California community college, would reasonably be expected to meet the standards of that Title 5 section
- Completion of at least 18 semester units in general education and at least 18 semester units in a major listed in the State Chancellor's Office's Taxonomy of Programs
- Completion of at least 12 semester units of study in residence; exceptions to the residence requirement can be made by the Governing Board when an injustice or undue hardship would result
- Completion of a minimum of general education course work in the natural sciences, the social and behavioral sciences, humanities, and language and rationality

For an Associate in Arts degree for transfer degree or an Associate in Science for transfer degree (AA-T/AS-T) the requirements for students include:

- Completion of a maximum of 60 CSU-transferable units with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. and a grade of “C” or better in all courses required for the major
- A minimum of 18 semester units in the major as determined by the community college district, and one of the following general education patterns:
 - ❖ The California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth) pattern of 39 units; OR
 - ❖ The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern of 37 units
- Successful completion of a course of study or curriculum that consists of 16 or more semester units of degree-applicable credit coursework for a certificate of achievement. The certificate of achievement shall be designed to demonstrate that the student has completed coursework and developed capabilities relating to a career or a general education pathway

Certificates of competency or certificates of completion must follow applicable coursework and guidelines as set by the Program and Course Approval Handbook.

The requirements for the District include:

- Compliance with Board Policies and Administrative Procedures regarding all degree requirements
- Publication of degree requirements in the District catalog and recorded with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office
- Availability of shorter credit programs that lead to a certificate which may be established by the District
- Assurance that content and assessment standards for certificate programs are consistent with the mission of the Palomar Community College District, meet a demonstrated need, are feasible, and adhere to guidelines on academic achievement. Certificates for which the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office approval is not sought may be given any name or designation deemed appropriate except for certificate of achievement, certificate of completion, or certificate of competency

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