



# SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Administrative Procedure

### Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

#### AP 5025 – PHILOSOPHY AND CRITERIA FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND GENERAL EDUCATION

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##### **Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) Degrees**

The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degree is intended for students who plan to complete a baccalaureate degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Each AA-T or AS-T is accepted by some but not all CSU campuses.

The following is required for all AA-T and AS-T degrees:

- I. 60 CSU transferable semester units;
- II. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework. While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some CSU campuses and majors may require a higher GPA;
- III. Completion of all required courses in the major with a grade of “C” or better. A “P” (pass) grade meets this requirement.
- IV. Completion of the CSU General Education-Breadth pattern or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum pattern.

##### **Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) Degrees**

The Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree is intended for students interested in career technical education or transfer preparation. All associate degrees shall be one of two general types: associate of arts or associate of science.

- I. The “Associate of Science” (AS) degree will be awarded in the areas of science, technology, engineering or mathematics; or areas of career technical education; and
- II. The “Associate of Arts” (AA) degree will be awarded in all areas not included in subdivision A).

The following is required for all AA and AS degrees:

- I. 60 associate degree applicable semester units;
- II. Minimum grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 in the 18-unit general education requirement;
- III. Minimum GPA of at least 2.0 in all associate degree applicable courses;
- IV. Completion of all required courses in the major with a grade of “C” or better. A “P” (pass) grade meets this requirement.
- V. Completion of District Residency Requirements;
  - (1) A minimum of 12 associate degree applicable semester units completed in residence at the College awarding the degree; and
  - (2) A minimum of 6 semester units in the major completed in residence at the College awarding the degree.
- VI. District competencies completion of:
  - (1) Competence in English composition shall be demonstrated by obtaining a satisfactory grade in an English course at the level of freshman composition or equivalent; and

- (2) Competence in mathematics shall be demonstrated by obtaining a satisfactory grade in a mathematics course at the level of intermediate algebra or equivalent; by obtaining a satisfactory grade in another locally approved mathematics course at the same level, with the same rigor and with elementary algebra as a prerequisite; or by completing an assessment and achieving a score determined to be comparable to satisfactory completion of the specified mathematics course.
- i. One of the following General Education options;
    - a) Option 1 San Diego Community College District General Education and District Requirements including:
      1. American Institutions/California Government;
      2. Health Education;
      3. Exercise Science Activity ; and
      4. Multicultural Studies.
    - b) Option 2 CSU General Education Breadth (CSU GE Pattern);
    - c) Option 3 Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern;
    - d) Option 4 SDCCD General Education Requirements. Students selecting this option should meet with a counselor to determine the appropriate General Education courses for their individual transfer goals. Note Option 4 is only available for transfer students with a declared major in liberal arts and sciences degrees or a degree designed transfer students as specified in the college catalog; or
    - e) Option 5  
Students who submit an official transcript showing they have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution will have satisfied the SDCCD associate degree general education and District requirements by having previously completed the baccalaureate degree.
- (3) A minimum of 18 semester (27quarter) units of general education, including a minimum of three semester (four quarter) units in each of the areas
- i. Language and Rationality;
  - ii. English Composition;
  - iii. Communications and Analytical Thinking.
  - iv. Natural Sciences;
  - v. Humanities; and
  - vi. Social and Behavioral Sciences;

The remaining of the unit requirement is also to be selected from among the four divisions of learning or as determined by local option.

### **Program Recency**

Program Recency may be established to require major courses to be completed within a minimum of 36 months prior to the date of awarding the degree or certificate and shall:

- I. Be established by discipline faculty only if it has been determined a significant lapse of time will have an impact on a student's ability to successfully fulfill the goals and objectives;

- II. Be stated in the official outline of record; and
- III. Be required of all students in the program.

References: California Code of Regulations, title 5, Sections 55061; 55070, 55072, 51022, 55130, 55600 et seq.  
Education Code: Section 70901, 70902, 78106  
WASC/ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A,

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