

## PHILOSOPHY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND GENERAL EDUCATION

### PHILOSOPHY ON GENERAL EDUCATION

The General Education component of the curriculum developed at each of the colleges in the Contra Costa Community College District is designed to provide the student with the knowledge, attitudes and skills needed by a person to be an effective individual in our society. A college-educated person should understand the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world and the interrelatedness of certain basic principles, concepts and methodologies, both unique to and shared by the various disciplines.

General Education is intended to lead to better self-understanding and the ability to evaluate and appreciate the physical environment, culture and society in which one lives.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE

A student is eligible for graduation with the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree after the satisfactory completion of sixty (60) semester units of work with a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better, including the specific requirements outlined below.

#### Graduation Requirements<sup>1</sup>

District and State General Education Requirements	Minimum No. Courses	Minimum No. Semester Units
(Ethnic course emphasis shall be offered in one or more of the areas listed in this subdivision).		
Physical Education Activity Courses	2	2
Natural Sciences <sup>1</sup>	1	
Social and Behavioral Sciences	1	
Humanities	1	
Language and Rationality	2	
	16	
(General Education requirements are to include competency in Health Education and American Institutions and proficiency in writing and mathematics. Each college will determine how these competencies and/or proficiencies will be met).		18
Major Field		18
Free Electives -- Maximum		<u>24</u>
Total		60

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1. This outline of graduation requirements is supplemented by a statement at each college which explains the specific manner by which these requirements may be fulfilled. The interpretation of the requirements at each school may produce slight variations and full information may be obtained in the college catalog. Each college may make additional course requirements.

**GRANTING OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES**

The Governing Board shall award the appropriate degree or certificate whenever a student has completed the requirements, regardless of how long it took the student to complete the requirements, contingent upon continuous enrollment. Re-enrollment may necessitate new and/or additional requirements.

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, 55800-55810