



## AP 4100 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

### References:

Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq.

### Associate in Arts and Associate in Science Degrees

- The District grants the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science to students who have completed the District requirements for graduation. Students must also complete the general education residency and competency requirements set forth in Title 5 Regulations as follows:
  - A minimum of 18 semester units in the major. A minimum grade of C or P (pass) is required in each course required for the major.
  - 18 General Education units.
  - 60 degree-applicable units.
  - A minimum GPA of 2.00 in all college units attempted.
  - A minimum GPA of 2.00 in all units attempted at Santa Barbara City College.
  - Math 107\*
  - Information competency.
  - Three of the four following institutional graduation requirements:
    - American Institutions Requirement (A.I.R.),
    - Physical Education,\*\*
    - Oral Communication,
    - Multicultural.
  - Candidates for an Associate Degree are required to complete a minimum of 15 units at Santa Barbara City College. In addition, at least 20% of the department requirements for the major must be completed at Santa Barbara City College.

\*A student may complete the math requirement by assessing higher than Math 107 or Math 111 or through completion of one of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better (or Pass): MATH 104, 107, 108, 111, 114, 117, 117H, 120, 130, 131, 137, 138, 150, 160, 200, 210, 220; PSY 150.

\*\*Completion of two semesters of physical education activities courses, or completion of one activity course and Health Education 101, 102, or PE 213. Exemptions will be granted on an individual basis by petition to the Scholastic Standards Committee.

For Associate degrees with the goal of transfer, students have the option to complete Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University (CSU) General Education-Breadth pattern in lieu of the 18 general education units, the institutional graduation requirements, and information competency.



### **Associate in Arts for Transfer and Associate in Science for Transfer Degrees**

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (Education Code Sections 66746-66749) guarantees admission to a CSU campus for any community college student who completes an “Associate Degree for transfer”. The Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (A.S-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (A.A-T or A.S-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major. In order to earn one of these degrees, students must complete a minimum of 60 required semester units of CSU-transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.0.

The following is required for all A.A-T or A.S-T degrees:

- Minimum of 60 CSU-transferable semester units.
- 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 majors may require a higher GPA.
- Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in an “A.A-T” or “A.S-T” major as detailed in the appropriate departmental section of the catalog. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of C or better or Pass (P) (Title 5 Section 55063).
- Certified completion of the CSU GE Breadth OR the IGETC pattern. Certified completion of one of the following General Education options depending on the major: CSU GE Breadth or IGETC or CSU GE Breadth for STEM or IGETC for STEM. Refer to curriculum guides for general education options for each A.A-T or A.S-T degree.
- Candidates for an Associate Degree for Transfer are required to complete 15 units at Santa Barbara City College. In addition, at least 20% of the department requirements for the major must be completed at Santa Barbara City College.

### **Multiple Degrees/Multiple Majors**

A student may earn A.A., A.A.-T, A.S., and A.S.-T degrees for which all local and state requirements have been met. All majors in which degree requirements have been met will be noted on both the student’s transcript and the diploma.

### **Certificates of Achievement**

The award of a certificate of achievement is intended to represent more than an accumulation of units. Listing of the certificate of achievement on a student transcript symbolizes successful completion of patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities that may be oriented to career or general education. The following is required for all certificates of achievement:

- A minimum of 18 semester units in a specified field of study.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better in all department requirements. Some certificate programs require a “C” or better in every course.
- Candidates for a certificate of achievement are required to complete at least 20% of the department requirements at Santa Barbara City College. Some certificates may



require a higher percentage of requirements completed in residence at Santa Barbara City College.

Certificates of Achievement differ from Associate Degrees in that they do not require completion of SBCC Graduation Requirements for the Associate Degree.

**Residency Requirements: Taking Courses at Santa Barbara City College**

Candidates for an associate degree and/or a certificate of achievement are required to complete at least 20% of the department requirements for the major at Santa Barbara City College. In addition, at least 20% of the department requirements for the major must be completed at Santa Barbara City College for the associate degree. This is defined as the college's residency requirement.

Authority is delegated by the Superintendent/President to the Scholastic Standards Committee to make exceptions to the residency requirement in any instance in which the committee determines that an injustice or hardship would be placed upon an individual student. Departments may, at their discretion, increase the minimum percentage of department requirements upon approval from the Curriculum Advisory Committee.

**Catalog Rights**

For purposes of determining catalog rights, the catalog year begins in fall and includes the following spring and summer.

**Exceptions to Catalog Rights Language**

A student who requests an exception to the catalog rights language in BP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates may submit a Petition to Reinstate Catalog Rights to the Scholastic Standards Committee for consideration. Exceptions may include an interruption or loss of catalog rights due to extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student.

A student's catalog rights may be extended after he/she leaves the District in order to complete coursework satisfying degree requirements so long as he/she remains continuously enrolled at any regionally accredited institution. Official transcripts from other institution(s) shall be required to verify coursework completed and validate continuous enrollment since the semester the student left the District.

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