

## **CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

### **AP 4025 PHILOSOPHY AND CRITERIA FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND GENERAL EDUCATION**

References: Title 5 Sections 55061;  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard 2

#### **General Education**

Central to an Associate Degree, General Education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world. It reflects the conviction of colleges that those who receive their degrees must possess in common certain basic principles, concepts and methodologies both unique to and shared by the various disciplines. College-educated persons must be able to use this knowledge when evaluating and appreciating the physical environment, the culture, and the society in which they live. Most importantly, General Education should lead to better self-understanding.

The graduation requirements for Associate Degrees are set forth in AP 4100. The college's General Education Requirements are as follows:

#### **General Education Requirement**

Completion of twenty-four general education courses distributed according to the following pattern:

#### **(1) English Composition, Oral Communication, and Critical Thinking (minimum of 6 semester / 8 quarter units) including:**

(A) English Composition (minimum of 3 semester / 4 quarter units). Courses fulfilling this requirement must be baccalaureate-level and include expository and argumentative writing.

(B) Oral Communication and Critical Thinking (minimum of 3 semester / 4 quarter units). Courses fulfilling this requirement must be baccalaureate-level and may include oral communication and critical thinking courses.

#### **(2) Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (minimum of 3 semester / 4 quarter units).**

Courses fulfilling this requirement must be at least college-level and may include mathematics or quantitative reasoning courses, including logic, statistics, computer languages, and related disciplines.

#### **(3) Arts and Humanities (minimum of 3 semester / 4 quarter units).**

Courses in the humanities study the cultural activities and artistic expressions of human

beings. Such courses develop students' awareness of how people throughout the ages and in different cultures respond to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation, and develop students' aesthetic understandings and abilities to make value judgements. Courses fulfilling this requirement may include introductory or integrative baccalaureate-level courses in the visual and performing arts, art history, foreign languages, literature, philosophy, religion, and related disciplines.

**(4) Social and Behavioral Sciences (minimum of 3 semester / 4 quarter units).**

Courses in the social and behavioral sciences focus on people as members of society and develop awareness of the methods of inquiry used by the social and behavioral sciences. They stimulate critical thinking about how people act and have acted in response to their societies and promote appreciation of how societies and social subgroups operate. Courses fulfilling this requirement may include introductory or integrative baccalaureate-level courses in cultural anthropology, cultural geography, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology, and related disciplines.

**(5) Natural Sciences (minimum of 3 semester / 4 quarter units).**

Courses in the natural sciences examine the physical universe, its life forms, and its natural phenomena, helping students appreciate and understand the scientific method and the relationships between science and other human activities. Courses fulfilling this requirement may include introductory or integrative baccalaureate-level courses in astronomy, biology, chemistry, general physical science, geology, meteorology, oceanography, physical geography, physical anthropology, physics, and other scientific disciplines.

**(6) Ethnic Studies (minimum of 3 semester / 4 quarter units).**

Courses fulfilling this requirement may include baccalaureate-level courses in the four autonomous disciplines within Ethnic Studies: Black Studies; African American Studies; Africana Studies; Native American Studies; Chicano/a/x; Latino/a/x Studies/La Raza Studies; and Asian American Studies.

**(7) Personal Health and Wellness (minimum of 3 semester / 4 quarter units).**

(No competition courses may be used) Courses in Kinesiology/Dance/Counseling demonstrate personal responsibility, health literacy, and understanding of the importance of mental and physical health and wellbeing.

See Board Policy 4025.

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