

# Graduation Requirements

## A. Resident Requirement

Satisfactory completion of at least 12 semester units in residence within the San Mateo Community College District colleges.

## B. Scholarship Requirement

A 2.0 grade point average is required for all degree applicable coursework taken within the San Mateo County Community College District, and all incoming degree applicable coursework taken outside the District.

## C. Major Requirement

Complete 12 units or 50% of the units required for the major, whichever is fewer, at one or more of the San Mateo County Community College District colleges. A grade point average of 2.0 in the major is required. All classes applied to the major (core and selectives) must receive a grade of "C" or pass or better. Some programs may require courses to be taken for a letter grade only. Please review your program's specific major requirements for possible exceptions. For additional information on the use of Pass/No Pass classes to satisfy degree requirements, please refer to the Pass/No Pass Grading Option information found in the Grades and Academic Standards section of the catalog.

## D. Basic Competency Requirements

Competency requirements exist for the areas of English (Reading and Writing), and Mathematics. Students must demonstrate competency according to the following in each of the areas in order to be eligible for the A.A. or A.S. degree.

1. **English (Reading and Writing):** Satisfy one or more of the following requirements
  - a. Satisfactory Completion of ENGL 100 (Reading and Composition) or ENGL 105 (Intensive Composition and Reading) with a grade of "C" or better; or
  - b. Score of 3, 4, or 5 on one of the following College Board Advanced Placement Tests (AP): English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition
2. **Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning:**
  - a. Successful completion of a math course at or above the level of Intermediate Algebra with a grade of C or better (or Pass), OR
  - b. Successful completion of BUS. 113, BUS. 115 (CSM), BUS. 123 (CSM, SKY),

PSYC 121 (CSM) or PSYC 171 (SKY) with a grade of C or better (or Pass).

## E. General Education Requirements

General Education is the part of an educational program which introduces students to areas of study that develop breadth of outlook and contribute to balanced development. This general education is complementary to, but different in emphasis from, the specialized education received for a job, a profession, or from focusing on a particular field of study. The purpose of the program in General Education is to assist students in moving toward the following goals:

- Developing critical and constructive thinking for problem solving and value discrimination.
- Understanding their relationship to their biological, physical, and cultural environment.
- Understanding the creative activity of others and participating to some extent in creative activity.
- Using basic mechanical, mathematical, and communication skills to solve everyday problems, understand ideas of others, and express ideas effectively.
- Developing a code for personal and civic life as a responsible citizen in a democracy.
- Maintaining good mental and physical health and social adjustment.
- Critically examine the social and historical significance of race, ethnicity, identity, and difference in a diverse society.

Specific General Education Unit Requirements (See AA/AS Degree Requirements in this catalog)

- Associate in Arts Degree—22 units minimum
- Associate in Science Degree—22 units minimum

Those students who wish to pursue an associate's degree (non ADT) from Cañada College and have been awarded a Bachelor's degree or an Associate's degree from an institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges or equivalent accrediting body in the U.S. may be exempt from Cañada College's general education requirements. Students must submit an official transcript from the institution granting the Bachelor's or Associate's degree to allow for verification of degree completion and completion of all Title 5 minimum requirements for the associate degree as listed under the "Degree Pathways" section of this catalog.

## F. Physical Education

Two activity courses in PE (Kinesiology) are required. However, this requirement may be waived for students in the following categories:



- The Physical Education area is waived for students who have received an associates or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. Please see accepted college/university accreditation: <https://smccd.edu/transcript/accepted-accreditation.php>
- Veterans who have completed Basic Training and submitted their Joint Services Transcript (JST)
- Persons excused for medical reasons

Waivers other than for the reasons stated above should be sought following regular college procedures via the Academic Standards Committee.

### **G. Exceptions to General Education**

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