



Cañada College AA/AS Degree Requirements 2024-2025

The requirements may be followed throughout the course of study as long as students attend college at least one semester each academic calendar. If there is a break in attendance, students must meet the graduation requirements listed in the catalog of the academic year that studies resume.

Legend C = Completed IP = In-Progress P = Planned			
Graduating with an Associate Degree in Arts (AA) or Associate Degree in Science (AS) requires 60 degree applicable units that must include the following:	C	IP	P
1. Residence: A minimum of 12 units must be completed at one or more of the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) colleges.	C	IP	P
2. Scholarship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of "C" or Pass or better (2.0) 	C	IP	P
3. Basic Competency Requirement: 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. <p>English (Reading and Writing): Satisfy one or more of the following requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Satisfactory Completion of ENGL 100 (Reading and Composition) or ENGL 105 (Intensive Composition and Reading) with a grade of "C" or better; or 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 <p>Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of a math course at or above the level of Intermediate Algebra with a grade of C or better (or Pass), OR 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). 	C	IP	P
4. Physical Education: Two activity courses in PE (Kinesiology) are required. However, this requirement may be waived for students in the following categories: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	C	IP	P
5. Major: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of 18 units in a discipline or related disciplines as specified by the appropriate division. 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. Completion of at least 12 units or 50% of the major, whichever is less, at one or more of the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) colleges. 	C	IP	P
6. General Electives: Additional courses to meet the minimum 60 units degree requirement (non-degree applicable courses do not meet this requirement).	C	IP	P
7. General Education: 22 units required - General Education courses introduce the student to areas of study that develop breadth of knowledge and contribute to a balanced education. See General Education (GE) Areas A through F listed on the next page.	C	IP	P

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General Education Requirements for an AA/AS Degree

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GE Area A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking			
6 units Required 3 units from A2 and 3 units from A1 or A3			
A1: Oral Communication Requirement: COMM 110, 127, 130, 140	• Other: _____	C	IP
A2: Written Communication Requirement: ENGL100, 105	• Other: _____	C	IP
A3: Critical Thinking Requirement: BUS.113, ENGL110,165 PHIL 103, 200 PLSC 103 MATH 125, 130, 145, 150, 200, 225, 241, 243, 251, 252, 253, 270, 275	• Other: _____	C	IP
GE Area B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning			
4 units Required One course required from any of the following areas: B1 or B2. Must include one lab course (indicated by *)			
B1: Physical Science: ASTR 100 CHEM 114*, 192*, 210*, 220*, 231*, 232*, 410* ENVS 115 GEOG 100 GEOL 100, 121* METE 100 OCEN 100 PHYS 114*, 210*, 220*, 250*, 260*, 270*, 405	• Other: _____	C	IP
B2: Life Science: ANTH 125 BIOL 100, 110*, 130, 225*, 230*, 240*, 250*, 260* ENVS 115 GEOL 121* OCEN 100	• Other: _____	C	IP
B3: Lab courses: The following courses are stand-alone lab courses that must be taken concurrently or after successfully completed the corresponding lecture course.			
ANTH 126 ASTR 101 BIOL 132 ENVS 101 GEOG 101 GEOL 101 OCEN 101	• Other: _____	C	IP
GE Area C: Arts and Humanities			
3 units Required			
C1 Arts: ART 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 114, 116, 118, 131, 250, 306 DANC 100 DRAM 101, 140, 150, 200, 233, 300.4 ETHN 288 FASH 150 INTD 150, 151 LIT. 441, 442 MUS. 100, 202, 210, 215, 240, 250, 271, 275	• Other: _____	C	IP
C2 Humanities: DRAM 151 ECE. 191 ENGL 110, 161, 164 ETHN 105, 107, 265 HIST 100, 101, 104, 106, 201, 202, 245, 246, 247 LIT. 151, 200, 205, 231, 232, 252, 266, 371, 372, 373, 441, 442 PHIL 100, 160, 175, 190, 240, 300, 312 SPAN 110, 120, 121, 122, 130, 140, 145, 162, 220, 230	• Other: _____	C	IP
GE Area D: Social Sciences			
3 units Required			
Social institutions: ANTH 110, 200, 351 BUS. 100, 101 COMM 150, 180 ECE. 201, 212 ECON 100, 102, 230 ENGL 200 ETHN 103, 105, 107, 108, 109 GEOG 110, 150 HIST 100, 101, 104, 106, 201, 202, 245, 246, 247, 422 LING 200 PLSC 130, 150, 170, 210, 310 PSYC 100, 106, 200, 205, 300, 340, 410 SOCL 100, 105, 141, 205	• Other: _____	C	IP
GE Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self Development			
3 units Required (max. 2 units from E2) Up to 3 units of course work in Area E may be applied towards completion of General Education requirements, or students may select additional 3 units of General Education from Areas A-D above.			
E1: BIOL 310 CRER 137 ECE. 201 HSCI 100 KINE 101, 105, 109 PSYC 200, 340		C	IP
E2: (Physical Education activity courses – maximum of 2 units may apply to General Education requirements):			
AQUA 127.1, 127.2, 127.3, 127.4, 133.1, 135.1 DANC 115.1, 115.2, 115.3, 115.4, 117.1, 117.2, 117.3, 117.4, 121.1, 121.2, 121.3, 121.4, 125.1, 125.2, 125.3, 125.4, 130.1, 130.2, 130.3, 130.4, 140.1, 140.2, 140.3, 140.4, 150.1, 150.2, 150.3, 150.4, 151.1, 151.2, 151.3, 151.4, 157.1, 157.2, 157.3, 157.4, 161.1, 161.2, 161.3, 161.4, 220, 350.1, 350.2, 350.3, 350.4, 400.1, 400.2, 400.3, 400.4 FITN 112, 117, 118, 119, 122, 128.1, 128.2, 152, 153, 154, 210, 227.1, 227.2, 227.3, 227.4, 235, 301.1, 301.2, 301.3, 304.1, 304.2, 304.3, 304.4; 308.1, 332.1, 332.2; 334.1, 334.2, 334.3, 334.4; 335.1, 335.2, 335.3, 335.4 INDV 121.1, 121.2, 160.1, 160.2, 160.3, 160.4; 251.1, 251.2, 251.3, 251.4 TEAM 105, 111.1, 111.2, 111.3, 111.4; 132.1, 132.2, 132.3; 141.1, 141.2, 141.3, 141.4; 148.1, 148.2, 148.3, 148.4, 171.1, 171.2, 171.3, 171.4; 183, 184, 185, 186, 187 VARS 104, 114, 140, 154, 160, 170, 300, 340, 350, 400	• Other: _____	C	IP
GE Area F: Ethnic Studies			
3 units Required			
ETHN 103, 105, 107, 108, 109, 265, 288	• Other: _____	C	IP

Note: Although a course may be listed in more than one area, a student may use a course to satisfy only one subject area.

“• Other” indicates if area requirement is met by other means such as completing a course at another accredited institution, or by AP/IB/CLEP

