

Associate Degree General Education Requirements

(Not for AA-T or AS-T)

General education requirements for the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees appear below:

- You must complete a minimum of 19 units distributed among Areas 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, and 5.
- You must achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (C).
- You must obtain a grade of “C” or better in areas 4a and 4b.

Note: While a course might satisfy more than one general education requirement, the college will not count it more than once for this purpose (see Exception for Ethnic Studies courses). PCCD will accept a course with a minimum of 4 quarter units to satisfy an area that requires a minimum of 3 semester units and a course with a minimum of 1.5 quarter units to satisfy Area 4c, which requires a minimum of 1 semester unit,

The following list of courses reflects general education courses taught at Berkeley City College. The college will revise this list each semester as courses are added or deleted from the curriculum:

Area 1 - Natural Science—One Course with a Minimum Value of 3 Semester Units:

Courses in the natural sciences are those that examine the physical universe, its life forms, and its natural phenomena. To satisfy the general education requirement in natural sciences, a course should help you develop an appreciation and understanding of the scientific method and encourage an understanding of the relationships between science and other human activities. This category would include introductory or integrative courses in astronomy, biology, chemistry, general physical science, geology, meteorology, oceanography, physics, and other scientific disciplines (AP 4100).

- Anthropology: 1
- Astronomy: 10
- Biology: 1A, 1B, 3, 10, 13, 25, 33, 34, 50A, 50B, 50C
- Chemistry: 1A, 1B, 12A, 12B, 18, 30A, 30B
- Geography: 1, 18, 19
- Geology: 10
- Physical Science: 20
- Physics: 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 10

Area 2 - Social And Behavioral Sciences—One Course With A Minimum Value of 3 Semester Units:

Courses in the social and behavioral sciences are those that focus on people as members of society. To satisfy the general education requirement in social and behavioral sciences, a course should help you develop an awareness of the method of inquiry the social and behavioral sciences use. It should stimulate critical thinking about the ways people act and have acted in response to their societies and should promote appreciation of how societies and social subgroups operate. This category would include introductory or integrative survey courses in anthropology, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology, and related disciplines (AP 4100).

- African-American Studies: 1, 33
- American Sign Language: 55A
- Anthropology: 2, 3, 13, 18, 55

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Area 2 - Social And Behavioral Sciences—One Course With A Minimum Value of 3 Semester Units:

- Art: 181, 182(**)
 - Business: 5, 77
 - Child Development: 51
 - Communication: 6, 19,20
 - Economics: 1, 2
 - Education: 1
 - Ethnic Studies: 1,2
 - Geography: 2, 3, 18
 - Health Education: 1
 - History: 1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 7A, 7B, 8B, 19, 20, 21, 31 (**), 32, 33
 - Humanities 15, 182(**)
 - Human Services 117, 118
 - Learning Resources: 222
 - Political Science: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12 (**), 19, 20 (++)
 - Psychology: 1A, 6, 10, 21, 28
 - Social Sciences: 2
 - Sociology: 1, 2, 5, 6(^), 7, 8, 13, 18, 120
 - Women's Studies: 1 (+++)
- (*), (**), (***), (+), (++) , (+++), or (^) (Students will receive credit for one course only).

Area 3 - Humanities—One Course with a Minimum Value of 3 Semester Units:

Courses in the humanities are those that study the cultural activities and artistic expressions of human beings. To satisfy the general education requirement in the humanities, a course should help you develop an awareness of the ways in which people throughout the ages and in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation and help the student develop aesthetic understanding and an ability to make value judgments. Such courses could include introductory or integrative courses in the arts, foreign languages, literature, philosophy, and religion (AP 4100).

- Arabic: 1A, 1B
- American Sign Language: 50, 51, 52, 53
- Art: 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 16, 180, 181, 182(+++)
- Asian and Asian-American Studies: 30
- Chinese: 1
- Communication: 5
- English: 1B, 10A, 10B, 14, 15, 17A, 17B, 20, 21, 47, 50, 85A, 85B, 85C, 217A
- French: 1A, 1B

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- History: 33
- Humanities: 1, 5, 15, 21, 26, 30A (*), 30B, 40, 52 (+), 53, 55, 57, 182(+++)
- Mexican and Latin American Studies: 30A, 30B
- Multimedia Arts: 122B, 123
- Music: 10, 15A, 15B, 24
- Philosophy: 1, 2, 10, 11, 16, 20A, 20B, 31A (*), 35 (++), 37
- Portuguese 1A, 1B
- Spanish: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 10A, 10B, 15, 22A, 22B, 35B, 38, 39, 40
- Women's Studies: 35 (++), 52 (+)

(*), (**), (+), (++), or (+++) Students will receive credit for one course only.

Area 4 - Language and Rationality—One Course from Each Sub-Area Must be Completed:

Courses in language and rationality are those that help you develop the principles and applications of language toward logical thought, clear and precise expression, and critical evaluation of communication in whatever symbol system you use (AP 4100).

4a. English Composition: One course with a minimum value of 3 semester units.

(Students must receive a grade of "C" or better.)

Courses fulfilling the written composition requirement shall include both expository and argumentative writing (BP 5.20).

- Communication: 5
- English: 1A, 1B, 5
- ESL: 52A, 52B

Credit by Examination for English 1A: Examination will be offered by the English Department.

4b. Mathematics: May be met by one of the two plans listed below.

(Students must receive a grade of "C" or better.)

Minimum level of intermediate algebra (AP 4100).

Plan (1):

Completion of one course with minimum value of 3 semester units (unless otherwise noted) from the following list:

- Mathematics: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3E, 3F, 13, 16A, 16B, 18, 50, 202, 203, 206

*Four units required.

Plan (2):

Credit by Examination of Mathematics 203.

1. Examination will be offered by the Mathematics Department.
2. Examination may be repeated one time only when grade is less than "C."

Area 4 - Language and Rationality—One Course from Each Sub-Area Must be Completed:

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4c. Computer Literacy: One course with minimum value of 1 semester unit.

May be met by one of the two plans listed below.

A broad understanding of computer concepts (AP 4100).

Plan (1):

Completion of one course with minimum value of 1 semester unit from the following list:

Business: 24, 102

Computer Information Systems: All courses with a minimum value of 1 semester unit and numbered 1 through 248.

Library Information Systems (LIS) 80,85

Multimedia Arts: All courses numbered 130 through 200

Plan (2):

Credit by Examination for CIS 200

Examination will be offered by the CIS Department.

4d. Oral or Written Communication or Literature: One course with a minimum value of 3 semester units.

Requirements shall include written communication, oral communication, literature, or selected English as a Second Language courses (AP 4100).

- Business: 19
- Communication: 3, 4, 5, 6, 19, 20, 45
- English: All courses numbered 1 through 247, (except 48's, 49's, 101A, 101B, 130, and 208)
- English as a Second Language: 50A, 50B, 52A, 52B
- History: 33
- Multimedia Arts: 109, 110, 113, 120

Area 5 - Ethnic Studies: One course with a minimum value of 3 semester units.

Ethnic studies is an intensive and scholarly study of African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and/or Native American experiences in the United States involving an examination of these cultures and the history, social, economic, and political influences on them (AP 4100).

- African-American Studies: 1, 33
- Anthropology: 55
- Asian and Asian-American Studies: 30
- English: 50
- Ethnic Studies: 1,2
- History: 1,19, 33
- Mexican and Latin American Studies: 30A
- Music: 15A, 15B
- Sociology: 5

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***Note:** Any course listed in Area 5. Ethnic Studies that is also listed in another area may be used to satisfy both areas. However, the units are counted only once.*

Major Field: 18 Semester Units (Minimum)

A listing of major fields available at Berkeley City College follows this section. A grade of “C” or better is required in each course in the major. A course may be used to *satisfy both a general education* and a major requirement; the units, however, may be counted *only once*.