5.20   Requirements for Degrees and Certificates

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Associate Degree signifies successful completion of a program of organized study and learning experiences designed to impart knowledge and to develop skills, appreciations, attitudes, and values which will be useful to its recipients and to the society in which they live.

1.   General

   a.   Each Peralta College shall publish a list of courses meeting graduation requirements. These lists shall be maintained and approved at each college by the Office of Instruction in consultation with the faculty.

   b.   Degree requirements fulfilled by a student attending one Peralta College shall be accepted as fulfillment of requirements at another Peralta College.

2.   Associate Degree Requirements

   To award an Associate Degree in any of the Peralta Colleges, the College must certify that the following requirements have been met:

   a.   Satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester units in a curriculum accepted by the College toward a degree, as shown in its catalog.

   b.   Twelve (12) semester units of the required units completed in residence at the College awarding the Degree.

   c.   Completion of at least 18 semester units of study in a discipline or from related disciplines as listed in the California Community Colleges "Taxonomy of Programs."

   d.   A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required in each of the following:

      (1)   Overall grade point average
      (2)   General Education requirements

   e.   A "C" grade or better is required in each course in the major and in Area 4A, English Composition and Area 4 B, Mathematics.

   f.   Satisfaction of the following General Education distribution requirements:

(1) Natural Sciences 3 semester units	one (1) course	
(2) Social and Behavioral Sciences 3 semester units	one (1) course	
(3) Humanities 3 semester units	one (1) course	
(4) Language and Rationality	four (4) courses	
(a) English Composition* 3-4 semester units	one (1) course	
(b) Mathematics* 3-4 semester units	one (1) course	

requires a grade of "C" or better

	(c)	Computer Literacy	one (1) course
		1 semester unit	
	(d)	Oral or Written Communication, or Literature	one (1) course
		3 semester units	
	(e)	(COA): Communication & Analytical Thinking	one (1) course
		3 semester units	
(5)		Ethnic Studies	one (1) course
		3 semester units	

         May simultaneously satisfy any one of the above four requirements if it is offered within that discipline. Ethnic Studies will be offered in at least one of the required areas.

All courses fulfilling the foregoing requirements are to be indicated by the individual colleges in their catalogs. Some requirements may be met through credit by examination. The final transcript must show credit received in each of the first four categories above, and the credit received in these first four categories must add up to at least 19 semester units.

3.   Certificate of Completion Requirements

To award a Certificate of Completion as a major in any of the Peralta Colleges, the College shall certify that the following requirements have been met:

a.   Minimum of 18 semester units in the major.

b.   Completion of a specified program of courses with a "C" grade or better in each course.

4.   Certificate of Achievement Requirements

To award a Certificate of Achievement in any of the Peralta Colleges, the College shall certify that the following requirements have been met:

a.   6-17.5 semester units

b.   Completion of specified courses with a "C" grade or better in each course.

5.   Certificate of Skills Requirements

To award a Certificate of Skills in any of the Peralta Colleges, the College shall certify that the following requirements have been met:

a.   Up to and including 5.5 semester units

b.   Completion of specified courses with a "C" grade or better in each course.

6.   Students' catalog rights are based on continuous enrollment in any of the Peralta Colleges, excluding summer session.

Administrative guidelines for implementation of this policy are to be found in the Procedures section of this Manual.