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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AA/AS DEGREES

Merritt College

2011 – 2012

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units with an overall grade point average of 2.0 ("C"). At least 12 of the 60 units must be completed at Merritt College.

GENERAL EDUCATION: Complete a minimum of 19 units, distributed in the areas below, with an overall grade point average of 2.0 ("C") and a grade of "C" or better in Area 4a (English Composition) and Area 4b (Mathematics). Although a course may be listed in more than one area, it may not be counted in more than one area (except in Area 5, *Ethnic Studies*; see NOTE in Area 5).

MAJOR: Students must declare a major to earn an Associate Degree. Majors require a minimum of 18 units with a grade of "C" or better in each course. Unit requirements for majors vary within programs and instructional departments (consult the Merritt College catalog and/or see a counselor for more information).

OUT-OF-DISTRICT OR OUT-OF-STATE COURSES: These courses are evaluated individually to see if they fulfill Merritt College General Education requirements. The Peralta District will accept courses with a minimum of 4 quarter units to satisfy an area that requires a minimum of 3 semester units and courses with a minimum of 1.5 quarter units to satisfy Area 4c (which requires a minimum of 1 semester unit). See a counselor for information about this process.

NOTE: Courses with an (*) are listed in more than one area but may not be counted in more than one area.

Legend: N=Needed IP=In Progress C=Completed		N	IP	C
AREA ONE - NATURAL SCIENCES				
One course, minimum of three semester units, from the following:				
ANTHR: 1	GEOG: 1			
ASTR: 1, 10	GEOL: 1, 12			
BIOL: 1A, IB, 2, 3, 4, 5 ¹ , 9, 10, 13, 15, 20A, 20B, 23, 24, 25, 29, 36	LANHT: 1, 1E, 15 ¹			
CHEM: 1A, IB, 12A, 12B, 30A, 30B	PHYS: 2A, 2B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 10			
¹ BIOL 5 same as LANHT 15; credit: 1 course				
AREA TWO - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES				
One course, minimum of three semester units, from the following:				
ADJUS: 21, 22, 25, 63	ENGL: 38*			
AFRAM: 2*, 5*, 8*, 10*, 12*, 13*, 14A*, 14B*, 16*, 19 ¹ *, 25*, 27*, 30*, 31*, 32*, 33*, 38 ⁶ *, 45*	ENVMT: 2, 3, 5*, 11, 12 ⁶ *, 19 ²			
ANTHR: 2, 3, 4, 5*, 7*, 8*, 13, 16, 18, 30 ⁴	ENVST: 76A-D ^{3,4*} , 78A ^{3,4*} , 78B ^{3,4*}			
ASAME: 19 ¹ *, 30*, 32*, 45A*, 45B*	GEOG: 2			
BUS: 5, 52	HLTED: 1			
CHDEV: 50, 51 (formerly FACS 51), 53, 56A, 57A	HIST: 2A, 2B, 7A, 7B, 15, 19*			
COMM: 6*, 10*, 13*, 18*, 19*, 22*	HUSV: 53 (formerly COSER 45)			
COSER: 10, 24, 29*	M/LAT: 6 ¹ *, 12*, 19 ³ *, 23*			
COUN: 30, 230	NATAM: 19 ¹ *, 76A-D ^{3,4*} , 78A ^{3,4*} , 78B ^{3,4*}			
ECON: 1, 2	POSCI: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5*, 16			
EDUC: 1	PSYCH: 1A, 1B, 3, 6, 10, 12, 19 ² , 24, 33			
	SOC: 1, 2, 3, 5*			
¹ AFRAM 19 same as ASAME 19, M/LAT 6, & NATAM 19; credit: 1 course				
² ENVMT 19 same as PSYCH 19; credit: 1 course				
³ ENVST 76A-D, 78A, & 78B same as NATAM 76A-D, 78A, & 78B; credit: 1 course				
⁴ ANTHR 30, ENVST/NATAM 76A-D, or ENVST/NATAM 78A-B must be taken for at least 3 units to satisfy Area 2				
⁵ M/LAT 19 same as HIST 17 @ BCC, COA & Laney				
⁶ AFRAM 38 same as ENVMT 12; credit: 1 course				

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AREA THREE - HUMANITIES				
One course, minimum of three semester units, from the following:				
AFRAM: 25*, 27*, 39, 41*, 42*, 43*, 45*	ENVMT: 4*, 5*			
ANTHR: 7*, 8*	HUMAN: 2			
ART: 1, 4, 9, 12, 15*	M/LAT: 28*, 30A*, 30B			
ASAME: 1, 30*	LANHT: 55			
CHIN: 1, 2	MUSIC: 9, 10, 11, 15A*, 19			
ENGL: 1B*, 10A*, 10B*, 17A*, 30A*, 30B*, 32A*, 32B*, 38*, 43*, 210A*, 210B*, 217A*, 230A*, 230B*, 232A*, 232B*, 243*	PHIL: 1, 2, 10			
	SPAN: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 22A, 22B, 31A, 31B, 38, 40			
AREA FOUR - LANGUAGE AND RATIONALITY				
One course in each sub-area (a, b, c, and d):				
a. English Composition: One course, minimum of three semester units and a grade of "C" or better, from:				
ENGL: 1A*, 1B*, 5*, 100*				
b. Mathematics: May be met by one of two options:				
Option 1: One course, minimum of three semester units and a grade of "C" or better, from:				
MATH: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D (equivalent to 3E-F at BCC, COA, & Laney), 13, 15, 16A, 16B, 50, 202, 203				
Option 2: Credit by Examination of Math 203. Students must earn a grade of "C" or better on the exam to earn 4 units of credit. The exam may be taken only once and is offered by the Math Department. The Credit By Exam form (available at Admissions & Records) will be used to record exam grades on the student's transcript. Contact the Math Department Chair and/or a counselor for more information.				
c. Computer Literacy: One course, minimum of one semester unit, from:				
CIS: All courses with a minimum value of one unit and numbered 1 through 248, except 211 (Laney)	LIS: 85			
EDT: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	RLEST: 20			
LRNRE: 211				
NOTE: Students may be able to satisfy the Computer Literacy requirement by passing a proficiency exam. See a counselor for more information.				
d. Oral or Written Communication, or Literature: One course, minimum of three semester units, from:				
AFRAM: 41*, 42*, 43*	ENGL: All courses numbered 1 through 247* (except 48s, 49s, 202, 205, 206A, 206B, and 208)			
BIOSC: 34 ¹	ENVMT: 4*			
COMM: 3, 4, 6*, 10*, 13*, 18*, 19*, 20, 22*, 45				
COSER: 16A ¹				
¹ BIOSC 34 & COSER 16A and must be taken for at least 3 units to satisfy Area 4d				
AREA FIVE - ETHNIC STUDIES				
One course, minimum of three semester units, from the following:				
AFRAM: 2*, 5*, 8*, 10*, 12*, 13*, 14A*, 14B*, 16*, 19 ¹ *, 30*, 31*, 32*, 33*, 38 ⁵ *, 41*, 42*, 43*, 45*	ENVMT: 12 ⁶ * (formerly ENVST 38)			
ANTHR: 5*	ENVST: 76A-D ^{2,3} *, 78A ^{2,3} *, 78B ^{2,3} *			
ART: 15*	HIST: 19*			
ASAME: 19 ¹ *, 30*, 32*, 45A*, 45B*	M/LAT: 6 ¹ *, 12*, 19 ⁴ *, 23*, 28*, 30A*			
COMM: 13*	NATAM: 19 ¹ *, 76A-D ^{2,3} *, 78A ^{2,3} *, 78B ^{2,3} *			
COSER: 29*	MUSIC: 15A*			
ENGL: 38*	POSCI: 5*			
	SOC: 5*			
¹ AFRAM 19 same as ASAME 19, M/LAT 6, & NATAM 19; credit: 1 course	³ ENVST/NATAM 76A-D or ENVST/NATAM 78A & 78B must be taken for at least 3 units to satisfy Area 5			
² ENVST 76A-D, 78A & 78B same as NATAM 76A-D, 78A & 78B; credit: 1 course	⁴ M/LAT 19 same as HIST 17 @ BCC, COA, & Laney			
	⁵ AFRAM 38 same as ENVMT 12; credit: 1 course			
NOTE: Any course listed in Area 5 that is also listed in another area may satisfy both areas but the units are counted only once.				