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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL AA/AS DEGREES

Merritt College

2025 - 2026

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.

LOCAL DEGREE GENERAL EDUCATION: Complete a minimum of 21 units from the areas below with an overall grade point average of 2.0 ("C") and a grade of "C" or better in Area 1A (English Composition) and Area 2 (Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning). *Although a course may be listed in more than one area, it can be counted in only one area.* Upper division courses from an institutionally or regionally accredited institution may be used to satisfy area and unit requirements. Students with a Bachelor's Degree from an institutionally or regionally accredited institution have fulfilled the GE course requirements for the Associate Degree. Also, completion of a lower division GE pattern for transfer to either the University of California or the California State University fulfills the local GE requirements. **NOTE:** GE requirements for Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) may be different. *See a counselor for more information.*

MAJOR: Students must declare a major for 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 by program (*see the Merritt catalog and/or 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. *See a counselor for more information.*

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

Legend: N=Needed IP=In Progress C=Completed			N	IP	C
AREA 1 - ENGLISH COMPOSITION, ORAL COMMUNICATION, AND CRITICAL THINKING (minimum of 6 semester/8 quarter units). One course from each of these two areas:					
Group A - English Composition: One course, minimum of 3 semester units with a grade of "C" or better, from: ENGL: CI000, CI000E, CI001*, IB*			1A		
Group B - Oral Communication and Critical Thinking: One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from: ENGL: CI001* COMM: 3, 4, 6, 10, 20, CI000 PHIL: 10			1B		
AREA 2 - MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING Requirement may be fulfilled by one of two options: Option 1: One course, minimum of three semester units with a grade of "C" or better, from: MATH: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3E, 3F, 11, 15, 16A, 16B, 50, 202, 203 STAT: CI000 BIOSC: 105 CIS: 11, 98 Option 2: Credit by Examination of Math 203. Requires 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(s) and/or a counselor for more information.			2		
AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:					
AFRAM: 18*, 25*, 27*, 30 ¹ *, 31 ¹ *, 32 ¹ *, 33 ¹ *, 39, 41*, 42*, 43*, 45*, 52* ANTHR: 7* ART: 1, 4, 7*, 9 ASAME: 1*, 30*, 45A ¹ *, 45B ¹ * ENGL: 1B*, 10A, 10B* ENVMT: 5* HIST: 2A ¹ *, 2B ¹ *, 7A ¹ *, 7B ¹ * HUMAN: 2 M/LAT: 17B*, 28*, 30A ¹ *, 30B ¹ , 32 ¹ * LANHT: 55, 64* MUSIC: 9, 10, 11*, 15A*, 15B*, 19, 24*, 100 PHIL: 1, 2 SPAN: 1A, 1B, 30A					
¹ Might not satisfy this area if taken at another PCCD College. <i>See a counselor for more information.</i> ² AFRAM 18 same as M/LAT 32; maximum credit: 1 course			3		

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AREA 4 - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES				
One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:				
ADJUS: 21, 22, 25, 63	ENVMT: 2, 3, 5*, 12 ⁴ *			
AFRAM: 2*, 3, 4*, 5*, 8*, 10*, 11*, 12*, 13*, 14A*, 14B*, 16*, 18 ⁵ *, 19 ¹ *, 23*, 25*, 27*, 30*, 31*, 32*, 33*, 35*, 38 ⁴ *, 45*, 52*	GEOG: 2			
ANTHR: 2, 3, 5*, 7*, 13, 16	HLTED: 1			
ASAME: 1*, 19 ¹ *, 30 ⁶ *, 32*, 45A*, 45B*	HIST: 2A*, 2B*, 7A*, 7B*			
BUS: 5, 52	M/LAT: 6 ¹ *, 12*, 17B*, 19 ³ *, 23*, 32 ⁵ *			
CHDEV: 50, 51 (formerly FACS 51), 53, 56A, 80*	LANHT: 33B, 64*			
COMM: 6*, 10*, 19*	NATAM: 19 ¹ *, 76E ²			
COSER: 10, 22, 29*	POLS: C1000			
COUN: 30	POSCI: 2, 3, 5*			
ECON: 1, 2	PSYC: C1000			
	PSYCH: 3, 6, 10, 12, 19, 21, 24, 28, 31, 33			
	SOC: 1, 2, 3, 5*, 13, 45, 120			
¹ AFRAM 18 same as M/LAT 32; credit: 1 course				
² AFRAM 19 same as ASAME 19, M/LAT 6, & NATAM 19; credit: 1 course				
³ AFRAM 38 same as ENVMT 12; credit: 1 course				
⁴ Might not satisfy this area if taken at another PCCD College. See a counselor for more information.		4		
AREA 5 – NATURAL SCIENCES				
One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:				
ANTHR: 1				
ASTR: 1, 10				
BIOL: 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 15, 20A, 20B, 23, 24, 25, 29, 36, 42				
BIOSC: 50, 53				
CHEM: 1A, 1B, 12A, 12B, 30A, 30B				
ENVMT: 101				
GEOG: 1				
GEOL: 1, 12				
LANHT: 1, 1E				
PHYS: 2A, 2B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 10		5		
Area 6 – ETHNIC STUDIES				
One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:				
AFRAM: 2*, 4*, 5*, 8*, 10*, 11*, 12*, 13*, 14A*, 14B*, 16*, 19 ^{1,2} *, 23*, 30 ² *, 31 ² *, 32*, 33*, 35*, 38 ⁵ *, 39, 41*, 42*, 43*, 45*, 52*	COSER: 29*			
ANTHR: 5*	ENVMT: 12 ⁵ * (formerly ENVST 38)			
ART: 7*	M/LAT: 6 ^{1,2} *, 12*, 17B*, 19 ⁴ *, 23*, 28*, 30A*			
ASAME: 19 ^{1,2} *, 30*, 32*, 45A*, 45B*	MUSIC: 11*, 15A*, 15B*, 24*			
CHDEV: 80*	NATAM: 19 ^{1,2} *, 76E ³			
COMM: 6*	POSCI: 5*			
	SOC: 5*			
¹ AFRAM 19 same as ASAME 19, M/LAT 6, & NATAM 19; credit: 1 course				
² Course also approved for Merritt's Cal-GETC Area 6				
³ NATAM 76E 1.5 units; need 3 units to clear this area				
⁴ M/LAT 19 same as HIST 17 @ BCC, COA, & Laney				
⁵ AFRAM 38 same as ENVMT 12; credit: 1 course		6		

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