



**AR 4100 Graduation Requirement for Degrees  
and Certificates**

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**References:**

Board Policy 4100 – Graduation Requirement for Degrees and Certificates Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq.

1. Graduation requirements for Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees:
  - a. Satisfactory completion of at least 60 semester units of college work. “College work” is defined as courses acceptable toward the associate degree including those that have been properly approved pursuant to Title 5, Section 55002(a) at a California Community College.
    - i. Courses taken at a California Community College may be used to satisfy general education and/or major requirements.
    - ii. If a course is offered at Compton College, but the originating California Community College uses it in a different area than Compton College, the course will be used in the area that benefits the student.
    - iii. If a course is not offered at Compton College, the college will honor the course in the same general education area in which the originating California Community College places the course.
    - iv. Courses taken at other than a California Community College may satisfy general education and/or major requirements if the institution is accredited by one of the regional accrediting associations and the scope and rigor of the course meets the guidelines set forth by the college.
    - v. If there is doubt of the reasonable application, the course(s) must be approved by the discipline faculty or designee in which the course(s) in question would normally be placed.
  - b. Completion of at least 18 semester units in general education and at least 18 semester units in which a grade of C or better has been earned in a major listed in the Community Colleges’ “Taxonomy of Programs.” The general education requirements must include a minimum number of units as specified in the college catalog in the natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities, and language and rationality. Ethnic studies must be integrated within general education offerings.
  - c. Completion of at least 12 semester units of study in residence within requirements for either the general education and/or major. Students who meet the continuous enrollment requirement from El Camino College as specified in AB 1299 are not held to the 12-unit residence requirement but are required to complete one course at Compton College. This exemption is only through the 2021-2022 academic year.
  - d. Demonstrated competence in reading, written expression, and mathematics.

2. Graduation requirements for Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT): Pursuant to the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act, to obtain the Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) degree, students must meet the following requirements:
  - a. Complete a minimum of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University (CSU), including both of the following:
    - i. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE-B) Requirements.
  - b. A minimum of 18-semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
  - c. Obtainment of a minimum of a cumulative CSU transferable grade point average of 2.0.
  - d. Complete a minimum of 12 semester units in residence at the college granting the degree.
3. Students may receive credit for knowledge or skills to be counted toward satisfaction of the requirements for an associate degree as defined in Board Policy 4235 Credit for Prior Learning.
4. District policies and procedures regarding general education and degree requirements are published in the college catalog and are filed with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
5. Requirements for Certificates of Achievement:
  - a. Successful completion of a course of study or curriculum that consists of 16 or more semester units of degree-applicable credit coursework. The certificate of achievement shall be designed to demonstrate that the student has completed coursework and developed capabilities relating to career or general education.
    - i. Individual certificates specifically state the required number of units that must be completed at Compton College in the Catalog.
  - b. Successful completion of a course of study or curriculum that consists of 8 or more semester units of degree-applicable credit course coursework if such certificate is approved by the state Chancellor.
  - c. Content and assessment standards that ensure the certificate programs are consistent with the mission of the Compton Community College District.
6. Requirements for Certificates of Accomplishment:
  - a. Successful completion of a course of study or curriculum that consists of fewer than 16 units of degree-applicable credit coursework. The certificate of accomplishment

shall be designed to demonstrate that the student has completed coursework and developed capabilities relating to career.

- i. Individual certificates specifically state the required number of units that must be completed at Compton College in the Catalog.
- b. Certificates of Accomplishments are not approved by the state Chancellor and are not noted on a student's transcript.

7. Requirements for Certificates of Competency/Completion:

- a. Successful completion of a sequence noncredit coursework designed prepare students for employment or to be successful in college-level coursework.
  - b. Certificates of Completion/Competency are approved by the state Chancellor and appear on the student's transcript.
8. Students qualifying for more than one AA, AS, or ADT degree and who successfully complete the graduation application process will receive each diploma and have them posted on their transcripts.
9. Students qualifying for more than one Certificate of Achievement and who successfully complete the graduation application process will receive each certificate and have them posted on their transcripts.
10. Students qualifying for more than one Certificate of Completion/Competence and who successfully complete the graduation application process will receive each certificate and have them posted on their transcripts.
11. A degree or certificate may be rescinded if it has been determined through a criminal or civil proceeding or through a violation of the student code of conduct that the degree or certificate was obtained through fraudulent means.