

The district confers the associate degree upon students who have completed 60 semester units of degree-applicable lower-division courses, including a minimum of 18 semester units of focused study in a major or interdisciplinary area of emphasis and a minimum of 21 semester units of general education, with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.0. Students must complete each course counted toward the major or area of emphasis with a grade of “C” or better, or a “P” if the course is taken on a “pass-no-pass” basis. At least 12 semester units must be completed in residence within the district.

Students may be awarded a certificate of achievement upon successful completion of a minimum of sixteen or more semester units of degree-applicable coursework. In some cases, state-approved certificates of achievement of eight or more semester units may be awarded to students. This coursework is designed as a “pattern of learning experiences” and develops certain capabilities oriented to career or general education.

The superintendent/president shall establish procedures to determine degree and certificate requirements that include appropriate involvement of the Courses and Programs Committee. The procedures shall assure that graduation requirements are published in the district’s catalog and are included in other resources that are convenient for students.

See Administrative Procedure 4100.