

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Associate Degree Requirements
2007-2008



The governing board of the Riverside Community College District shall confer the degree of Associate in Arts or Associate in Science upon the student who has demonstrated competence and completed the following requirements:

Residence Requirement:

In order to receive an A.A./A.S. degree from Riverside Community College District, a student must complete 15 units in residence at any campus within the Riverside Community College District. To receive a certificate, a student must complete a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the required units at Riverside Community College.

Academic Coursework Taken at other Colleges and Universities:

Official transcripts from all schools and colleges attended must be dated within the preceding 90 days/3 months, be in their original sealed envelope, and be submitted to the Admissions and Records office. Course credit is accepted from all regionally accredited institutions as listed in the *AACRAO Handbook*. Credits from institutions, which are in candidacy status, will be accepted after full accreditation is granted. The two years preceding full accreditation will also be applicable towards the AA/AS Degree. Honors for graduation will be calculated in the same manner.

Grade Point Average Requirement:

A student must have a minimum grade point average of not less than 2.0 ("C" average) in work taken at Riverside Community College. In addition, over-all grade point average, including units from both RCCD and work attempted at all accredited colleges attended, must be not less than 2.0.

Basic Skills Competency Requirements:

A. Mathematics Competency: Students must demonstrate minimum proficiency in math by:

- (1) obtaining a satisfactory first-time score on an appropriate examination **OR**
- (2) completion of a Math course with a 'C' grade or higher (1-49, 52 or 53 or equivalent)

B. Reading Competency: Students must demonstrate proficiency in reading by:

- (1) a score on RCC's placement test equivalent to placement in college level reading **OR**
- (2) completion of Reading 83 with a "C" or better **OR**
- (3) a minimum grade of "C" in each general education course **OR**
- (4) satisfactory reading score on a standardized reading test approved by the English department. Students who do not meet Riverside Community College's reading competency requirement should enroll in a reading class within their first 18 units undertaken at the college.
- (5) Students who have completed an Associate's or higher degree at an accredited institution are exempt from the reading competency requirement. Waivers may also be granted on a case-by-case basis.

C. English Competency: Students must demonstrate basic competency in writing by successfully completing the general education requirements of English 50 or English 1A with a "C" grade or better.

Petition for Graduation:

Students may apply for degrees and certificates for any term in the 2007-08 year during the following application periods:

- Summer—First day of Summer Term through July 1
- Fall—First day of Fall Semester through Oct. 1
- Winter—First day of Winter Term through Jan. 15
- Spring—First day of Spring Semester through April 1

Students who apply during these periods may participate in the Commencement ceremony as long as they are missing no more than 9 units to graduate.

Second Degrees:

Students may earn one Associate in Arts Degree, one Associate in Science (General A.S.) Degree, and any occupational Associate in Science Degree for which they qualify. This means that a student may qualify for more than one degree during any one given semester. Students who complete and apply for a degree within the same academic year will be awarded the degree effective the semester in which all requirements are met.

Students who have met degree requirements in a previous academic year and have not maintained continuous enrollment will be awarded the degree in the semester in which the application is submitted, provided all current degree requirements are met.

Catalog Rights:

Graduation requirements apply to students enrolled for the school year indicated by this catalog. Students who enrolled prior to this current year and who have maintained continuous enrollment have the option of meeting the current requirements or those in effect at the time continuous enrollment began. Continuous enrollment is defined as attendance of one semester for each academic year.

Scholastic Honors At Commencement:

Honors at commencement will be awarded to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher. Their names are listed in the commencement program as receiving the Associate Degree with Distinction (3.30 GPA) or with great distinction (3.70 GPA). A gold tassel will be worn by students graduating with honors. Coursework taken during the final spring semester will not be used to calculate honors at commencement. Grade point averages are not rounded up. The cumulative GPA includes coursework taken at Riverside Community College District and at all other accredited institutions.

Dean's List:

Each semester, those students who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement by completing at least 12 units of credit-graded work with a grade point average of 3.0 or better will be recognized by a letter from the Dean of Instruction.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

General education is designed to introduce students to a breadth of study through which people comprehend the modern world. It reflects the conviction of Riverside Community College District that those who receive their degrees must possess in common certain basic principles, concepts and methodologies both unique to and shared by the various disciplines. Students must complete a minimum of 23 semester units as outlined in the following categories. Special workshop classes (numbered in the 100 series) cannot be used to fulfill general education requirements. The following precollegiate basic skills courses are considered non-degree applicable: Art 95 to 99; Computer Applications and Office Technology 99 ABCD; English 60AB, 60A1, 60A2, 60A3, 60A4, 90-98; English as a Second Language 51 AB, 51, 52, 53, 71, 72, 90 A-K, 91, 92, 95; Guidance 85 AB, 86, 95; Mathematics 62 ABC, 63, 64, 65, 90 A-F, 98; Reading 66, 81, 82, 83, 87, 95; in addition, computer practicums numbered 96 and 97 are not degree applicable.

GENERAL EDUCATION

A. *Natural Sciences (3 units)*

- ___ Anatomy & Physiology 2A,2B,10
- ___ Anthropology 1
- ___ Astronomy 1A,1B
- ___ Biology 1,2A,2B,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,17,30,34,36
- ___ Chemistry 1A or 1AH,1B or 1BH,2A,2B,3,10,12A,12B,17
- ___ Geography 1,1/1L,5
- ___ Geology 1,1/1L,1B,2,3,30A,30B,31,32
- ___ Microbiology 1
- ___ Oceanography 1,1/1L
- ___ Physical Science 1,5,17
- ___ Physics 2A,2B,4A,4B,4C,4D,10,11
- ___ Psychology 2

(Wavers granted for COS 60C and ELE 21 or 22)

B. *Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 units)*

1. American Institutions (3 units)

- ___ History 6 or 6H,7 or 7H,8,9,15,26,28,29,30,31,34,53 or
- ___ Political Science 1 or 1H,5 and

2. Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 units)

- ___ Anthropology 2,3,4,5,6,7,10,21
- ___ Economics 4,5,6,7 or 7H,8
- ___ Geography 2,3,4,6
- ___ History 1,2,4,5,11,12,14,19,21,22,23,25,35,40,53
- ___ Human Services 4,5,6,7,8,13,14,16,18,19
- ___ Military Science 1,2
- ___ Political Science 2 or 2H,3,4 or 4H,6,7,ABCD,8,10,ABCD, 11,12,13,14
- ___ Psychology 1,9,33,35
- ___ Sociology 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14,15, 16,17,20,22,30,35,42,45,49

C. *Humanities (3 units)*

- ___ American Sign Language 1
- ___ Architecture/Engineering 36
- ___ Art (any course)
- ___ Dance 3,4,5,6,7,8,9
- ___ English 1B or 1BH,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18, 21,22,23,25,26,30,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,44,45,48,49
- ___ Foreign Language (any course)
- ___ History 1,2,4,5
- ___ Humanities 3,4 or 4H,5 or 5H,8,9,10 or 10H, 11,16,18, 20ABC,23,35,36
- ___ Music (any course)
- ___ Philosophy 10 or 10H,12,13,14,15,16,19,20,21,22,33,35
- ___ Photography 8
- ___ Speech 7,8
- ___ Telecommunications (any course)
- ___ Theater Arts (any course)

D. *Language and Rationality (10 units)*

1. English Composition (4 units)

- ___ English 1A or 1AH ("C" grade or better)
- ___ English 50 ("C" grade of better)

2. Communication & Analytical Thinking (6-8 units)

Take one course from two of the following:

- ___ Computer Information Systems 1A-30
- ___ English 1B or 1BH
- ___ Mathematics 1-49
- ___ Philosophy 11,Philosophy/Math 32
- ___ Speech 1, 1H or 9

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A. *Health Education (3 units)*

- ___ Health Science 1 (or completion of DEH, EMS, PA, LVN, or RN program)

B. *Self Development (2 or 3 units)*

1. PHP (2 activities courses):
___ PHP 6,29,42,47; Dance 3,5; any activity class;
MUS 45,46,47,48,59,60,61
OR
2. Fitness and Wellness (3 units)
___ PHP 4,30,35,36

NOTE: Students are exempt from the Self Development requirement when they complete the Cosmetology, Registered or Vocational Nursing programs, Basic Peace Officer Training Academy, Firefighter Academy, EMS program or the Physician Assistant program

C. *Unit Requirement*

A minimum of 60 units of college work, of which 18 semester units are in a discipline or related discipline in one of the five groups below.

Associate in Arts:

Group 1
AA662 Anthropology, economics, education, geography, history, human services, military science, physical education, political science, psychology, sociology or any combination of these.

Group 2
AA658 American Sign Language, art, dance, early childhood studies, English, foreign languages, humanities, journalism, music, philosophy, speech communication, telecommunications, theater arts or any combination of these.

Group 3
AA664 Successful completion of IGETC or CSU Breadth requirements
CSU General Education Breadth Requirements

AA665 IGETC - for UC Transfer

AA667 IGETC - for CSU Transfer

Associate in Science:

Group 4
AS682 Engineering, mathematics, natural science (life and/or physical) or any combination of these.

Group 5
AS712 Administration of Justice, business administration, nursing or occupational-technical courses.

D. *Basic Skills Competencies*

- ___ Math Competency _____
- ___ Reading Competency _____