

Addendum #2



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Associate in Arts Degree Graduation Requirements

The California Community College Board of Governors has authorized the Cerritos College Board of Trustees to confer the Associate in Arts degree. A candidate does not automatically receive the Associate in Arts degree upon completion of unit and course requirements, but is required to file a petition for the degree.

College education is usually thought of as consisting of two parts: specialized education and general education. Specialized education is that which prepares the student for vocational competence or for scholastic attainment in a particular field. This the student accomplishes through the department major.

General education, on the other hand, is that which meets the common goals of all students for personal enrichment and cultural development. Work in this area helps the student increase individual ability as a citizen and improve community, home, and family living.

Although courses may be designed with one or the other of these purposes as the primary gain, all courses are presented with the values of general education in mind. College education then becomes the sum total of all the student's experience in college, and the student's education may be completed in both these areas and be granted the degree of Associate in Arts.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY FOR GENERAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

Cerritos College offers an array of general education coursework to students so that they may learn concepts and methods of inquiry that have breadth, depth and relevance to their lives. The general education curriculum includes coursework from the liberal arts, humanities, science, mathematics, arts and social sciences disciplines. Possession of knowledge from these disciplines will contribute to personal growth, professional development and citizenship by increasing students' awareness of the past and present and by developing their creative, adaptive and critical thinking abilities. The general education curriculum will provide students with opportunities to:

- Develop a lifestyle that will enhance physical and mental health and wellness
- Develop logical and cogent arguments, reaching conclusions that are based on comprehensive inquiry
- Adapt and apply technology to facilitate the acquisition and effective use of information
- Communicate clearly and proficiently through both oral and written expression
- Enhance the appreciation of artistic offerings
- Become informed citizens and problem-solvers to deal with current and future societal issues
- Appreciate the contributions of different cultures, eras, and traditions to the human experience
- Develop an appreciation for the value of ethics, integrity, honesty, self-management, and the welfare of others

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

SCHOLARSHIP AND RESIDENCE

- A. A student must complete 60 units of degree applicable work with an overall grade point average of "C" or higher (2.0) in all courses.
- B. A student must achieve a grade of Pass, or "C", or higher in each course to be counted for the major. Courses completed for a Certificate of Achievement that are also to fulfill requirements for the major in an A.A. degree must be completed with a grade of Pass, or "C", or higher.
- C. A minimum of 12 units of degree applicable work must be completed at Cerritos College, to meet the residence requirement.
- D. A student may earn multiple Associate Degrees by completing the major requirements for each degree, the appropriate general education for each major, achieve a Pass or "C" grade or better in each major course, a grade point average of "C" (2.0) or higher in all courses, and complete a minimum of 60 degree applicable units.

PETITION FOR ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

1. Students desiring an Associate in Arts degree must file a Petition for Associate in Arts Degree form. The petition may be obtained in the Counseling Center and must be submitted before the deadline posted in the College Schedule of Classes. The petition must be approved and validated by a counselor and the Admissions and Records Office before the degree will be granted.
2. Students not in continuous attendance at Cerritos College must meet degree requirements for graduation in effect at the time of readmission.
3. A student is considered in continuous attendance if he/she receives a grade (A, B, C, D, EW, F, FW, P, NP, I, or W) in any semester, fall or spring, during each academic year. Continuous attendance is not broken at Cerritos College if a student transfers to another accredited institution, maintains his/her continuous attendance at that institution, and returns to Cerritos College to complete his/her degree (Designated programs may require students to return to Cerritos College in good standing. Please check with the Counseling Center regarding these programs).
4. Credit toward the Associate in Arts degree is not granted for non-degree applicable units or classes taken as part of the Adult Education Program.

STUDENTS WITH BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Those students who have been awarded a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in the United States will be exempt from the Cerritos College general education breadth requirements and the proficiency requirements, should they pursue an associate in arts degree at this institution. Please see your counselor if additional information or clarification is desired.

ENGLISH/READING COURSE LIMITATIONS

Students completing both English 52 and Reading 54 will be able to count the units from only one course towards the Associate in Arts degree. Please see a counselor for further information.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS UNITS

ACCT 100	Introduction to Accounting	3
ACCT 101	Fundamentals of Accounting I	4
BA 113	Legal Environment of Business	3
or LAW 111	Business Law	(3)
CIS 101	Introduction to Computer Information Systems	3
ECON 201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
or ECON 201M	Principles of Macroeconomics	(3)
ECON 202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
or ECON 202M	Principles of Microeconomics	(3)
TOTAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS		19

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Complete the following: (1) major requirements, (2) the A.A. Degree General Education requirements, and (3) electives to achieve a minimum of 60 units.