I. The degree of Associate in Arts or Associate in Science will be conferred upon any student satisfactorily completing the following requirements:

A. A two-year prescribed departmental college curriculum of 60 units for the Associate in Arts degree or the Associate in Science degree (2.0 average or better) with at least twelve (12) units in residence.

II. The degree of Associate in Arts or Associate in Science will be conferred with a major consisting of a minimum of eighteen (18) units in an area of emphasis (or major). A listing of all majors can be found in the degree listing in the college catalog. Major course criteria:

A. A minimum “C” grade for all course work within the major

B. No non-degree applicable course work can be included in the total number of units earned towards a major.

C. Two physical education activity courses.

D. American Institutions Requirements – successful completion of one of the following courses: HIST 143, HIST 143H, HIST 144, 144H, HIST 158, HIST 159, 159H, POLS 110 or POLS 110H or Advanced Placement examination scores of 3, 4, or 5 on either of the following exams: U.S. Government and Politics or U.S. History.

E. Competence in reading and written expression that may be met by:

1. The reading requirement may be met by one of the following:
   
a. Successful score on the Reading Placement Test or a Pass (P) in READ 023 or higher level reading course.

b. Two or four year degree from an accredited institution.
   (Recommended by Academic Senate)

2. The written expression requirement may be met by one of the following:

   a. Credit earned (grade of “C” or better) in ENGL 101

   b. A satisfactory score on the CSU English Equivalency Exam (to be determined by the Division of Communications and Languages)

   c. Students earning a “C” or better in freshman composition courses (three (3) or more semester units/four (4) or more quarter units) from regionally accredited colleges and universities
d. Advanced Placement examination scores of 3, 4, or 5 on either of the following exams: AP English Language & Composition or English Literature & Composition

e. CLEP examination scores of 50 or higher on the following exams: College Composition, College Composition Modular, English Composition (if taken before July 2010) (Recommended by Academic Senate)

F. Competence in mathematics that may be met by one of the following:

1. Credit ("C" grade or better) in MATH 060 (Geometry), MATH 070 (Intermediate Algebra), or MATH 072 (The Mathematics of Money) or a higher level math course

2. A satisfactory score on the Rio Hondo College Math Proficiency Exam

3. Advanced Placement examination scores of 3, 4 or 5 on any of the following exams: AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC or AP Statistics

G. Completion of general education requirements of course work in each of four (4) areas, in addition to the major(s) requirement. The four (4) area requirements and courses from which a student may choose are as follows:

1. Natural Sciences with Lab (a lab must be included) – minimum of three (3) units

2. Social and Behavioral Sciences – minimum of three (3) units

3. Humanities – select one course from each of:
   
   Fine Arts - minimum of three (3) units
   
   Humanities - minimum of three (3) units

4. Language and Rationality – select one (1) course from each of:
   
   English Composition - minimum of three (3) units
   
   Communication and Analytical Thinking - minimum of three (3) units

III. The Degree of Associate in Arts for Transfer or Associate in Science for Transfer will be conferred with a major consisting of a minimum of eighteen (18) units in an area of emphasis (or major). A listing of all AA-T or AS-T degrees can be found in the degree listing in the college catalog. Major course criteria:

A. Completion of a minimum of sixty (60) CSU transferable semester units
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B. Minimum GPA of 2.0 in all CSU-transferable coursework (some majors may require a higher GPA)

C. Completion of the major units with a grade of “C” or better or a “P” if the course is taken on a Pass-No Pass basis

D. Certified completion of the California State University General Education Breadth (CSUGE) pattern; or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern (Recommended by Academic Senate)

IV. District policies and procedures regarding general education and degree requirements are published in the college catalog and are filed with the State Chancellor’s Office.

V. Reference:

Title 5, Section 55060; Accreditation Standard II.A.