



AP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education

Reference:

Title 5, Section 55061;

Accreditation Standard II.A.3

The Board of Trustees, on recommendation of the President and faculty of the college, is authorized in accordance with the California Administrative Code, Title 5, Section 55805, to confer the Associate in Arts (A.A.) and the Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees. Conditions under which the degrees are granted are outlined in the section on graduation requirements.

The community college degree is awarded to a student who fulfills a two-year organized program of work, either occupational-vocational-technical or lower-division four-year college. A student who wishes to transfer to the upper division of a four-year college must satisfy the course, unit, and grade requirements of the college he/she wishes to enter.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Upon completion of the following requirements, students at Imperial Valley College will be granted the degree of Associate in Arts or Associate in Science, depending upon the major completed.

Responsibility for filing a petition for graduation rests with the student. This petition is to be filed with the Registrar no later than the end of the fourth week of each semester.

Summer graduates must petition no later than the end of the fourth week of the Spring semester.

Additional Associate Degree(s) or Major(s) may be earned if the student completes those required courses and units beyond the prior degree(s) or major(s). Courses used in one major may be utilized in other majors as they apply. If a student breaks continuous enrollment, he/she will also be responsible for additional graduation requirements or required courses in the major as designated by the current catalog in effect.

The requirements for graduation represent State and institutional minimum general requirements as well as the firm commitment on the part of Imperial Valley College to the principles of general education. These requirements in general education are designed to develop the potential of every student, broaden their outlook, and contribute to the realization of the well-balanced whole person.

I. ACQUISITION OF MAJOR CONSISTING OF EIGHTEEN UNITS (UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED) IN A SPECIFIED FIELD OF STUDY

Students may satisfy the major requirement in the following fields of study. Individual courses of study for each major are listed after the Courses of Instruction.

- A.S. Administration of Justice
- A.S. Agricultural Business Management
- A.S. Agricultural Science
- A.S. Alcohol and Drug Studies
- A.A. Anthropology
- A.A. Art
- A.S. Automotive Body Repair and Painting
- A.S. Automotive Technology
- A.A. Behavioral Science
- A.S. Business Administration
- A.S. Business Financial Services
- A.S. Business Management
- A.S. Business Marketing
- A.S. Business Accounting Technician
- A.S. Business Administrative Assistant
- A.S. Business Office Technician
- A.A. Communications Arts
- A.S. Computer Information Systems
- A.S. Correctional Science
- A.S. Early Childhood Education
- A.S. Emergency Medical Services
- A.A. English
- A.S. Fire Technology
- A.A. French
- A.A. General Major
- A.S. General Science
- A.A. Human Relations
- A.A. Humanities

A.S.	Interdisciplinary
A.S.	Journalism
A.A.	Legal Assistant
A.A.	Liberal Studies
A.S.	Library Technician
A.S.	Life Science
A.S.	Mathematics
A.A.	Music
A.S.	Nursing - Registered (RN)
A.S.	Nursing - Vocational (VN)
A.A.	Patient Services Administration
A.S.	Physical Education
A.S.	Physical Science
A.S.	Pre-Engineering
A.A.	Psychology
A.A.	Rehabilitation Technician for the Physically Limited
A.A.	Social Science
A.A.	Spanish: Native
A.A.	Spanish: Non-Native
A.A. or A.S.	Transfer Studies*
A.S.	Water Treatment Technology
A.S.	Welding Technology

*Degree may only be awarded **once** with the student's choice of an A.A. or A.S. degree.

II. UNITS, GRADE POINT AVERAGE, RESIDENCE AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A. Sixty (60) degree applicable units.
- B. Grade point average of 2.0 or better for all degree applicable college work.
- C. Forty-five (45) degree applicable units in residence or the last fifteen (15) degree applicable units at IVC.

In-residence units refer to those units taken at Imperial Valley College in which a student is enrolled, attends class sessions of one semester's duration, and receives a passing grade. Credit by examination, extension credits, military credits, and/or credit by petition do not qualify a student for in-residence units.

Units toward an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree at Imperial Valley College must be from a college or university which, at the time the units were completed, was accredited by one of the regional accreditation agencies recognized by the most current COPA edition.

D. Settlement of all financial obligations to the college.

III. INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A. American Institutions (Select One Option):

Option 1: Political Science 102 (formerly Political Science 2)

AND

One course selected from: History 120 (formerly History 17A)

OR

History 121 (Formerly History 17B)

Option 2: Political Science 052 (formerly Social Science 052)

(Non transferable; AA/AS degree only)

B. Health Education: Health Education 102 (Formerly HE 1) or Health Education 100 (formerly HE 3) (Veterans only)

NOTE: This requirement is waived for students who have completed ADN or LVN Majors. Veterans and active duty military personnel may be granted two units of college credit to fulfill the Health Education Requirement if military service has been continuous for at least six months. Copies of the DD-214 or DD-215 forms covering all periods of military service must be on file in the Veterans Office to officially request Health Education credit.

C. Physical Education 100 (Formerly PE 25) (2 units) and One (1) Physical Education Activity Course (1 unit)

NOTE: Veterans and active duty military personnel may be granted two units of college credit to fulfill the elective Physical Education activity requirement if military service has been continuous for at least six months. Copies of DD-214 or DD-215 forms covering all periods of military service must be on file in the Veterans Office to officially request PE credit.

IV. STATE COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Math Competency:** A successful score on the Mathematics Assessment Test or Math 090 with a grade of “C” or better or a higher level Math with a grade of “C” or better.
- B. Reading Competency:** A successful score on the Reading Assessment Test or ENGL 089 (formerly ENGL 12B) with grade of “C” or better or ENGL 111 (formerly ENGL 11) with a grade of “C” or better.

Disclaimer: The assessment examinations used to clear the math and reading competencies are currently under review for upgrading and possible change(s) to meet compliance standards of state regulations. This information was not available at the time the catalog went to press.

Imperial Valley College is committed to providing students with the most accurate, current information available regarding the College’s programs, courses, regulations, and policies. However, there may be times when changes concerning state regulations are determined after publication of the catalog, which may dictate a change in current practice. When such a circumstance arises, every effort will be made through the class schedules, public media, and at the time of registration to notify students of any changes in the course descriptions or college policies, as presented herein.

V. GENERAL EDUCATION

A minimum of eighteen (18) units is required. To include a minimum of six (6) units in Area A (three [3] units for each part); a minimum of three (3) units from Area B; a minimum of three (3) units from Area C; and, a minimum of three (3) units from Area D. In area E, three (3) units are to be selected from any of the four areas (A, B, C & D) as determined by the student’s option.

A. LANGUAGE AND RATIONALITY

Units

- 1. English Composition** (3 units required)
(with a grade of “C” or better)
ENGL 101 Reading & Composition

3

2. Communication & Analytical Thinking (3 units required)		
CIS 101	Intro. to Information Systems	3
ENGL 111	Reading IV: Anal & Crit Reading	3.5
ENGL 201	Advanced Composition	3
ENGL 240	Intro. to Tech & Report Writing	3
ENGL 250	Creative Writing	3
ENGL 270	Introduction to Linguistics	3
JRN 100	Introduction to Journalism	3
MATH 110	Number Systems in Elementary Math	3
MATH 112	Geometry in Elementary Math	3
MATH 120	Intro Statistics w/Applications	3
MATH 122	Finite Mathematics	3
MATH 130	Programming in FORTRAN	3
MATH 150	College Algebra	4
MATH 170	Intro Calculus w/Applications	4
MATH 190	Pre-Calculus	5
MATH 192	Calculus I	5
PHIL 106	Logic	3
SPCH 100	Oral Communication	3
SPCH 180	Argumentation and Debate	3

B. NATURAL SCIENCE (3 units required)		
AG 110	Man and His Environ (same as ENVS 110)	3
AG 120	Soil Science	3
AG 170	Entomology	3
ANTH 100	Physical Anthropology	3
ASTR 100	Principles of Astronomy	3
BIOL 090	Anat & Physiology for Health Occ	3
BIOL 100	Principles of Biological Science	4
BIOL 120	General Zoology I	4
BIOL 122	General Zoology II	4
BIOL 200	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 204	Human Anatomy	4
BIOL 206	Human Physiology	4
BIOL 220	General Microbiology	5
CHEM 100	Introduction to Chemistry	4
CHEM 200	General Inorganic Chemistry I	5
ENV T 100	Intro to Environmental Technology	4
ENVS 110	Man and His Environ (same as AG 110)	3

GEOG 100	Physical Geography	3
GEOL 100	General Geology	3
GEOL 110	Earth and Space Science	3
PHSC 110	Physical Science	3
PHYS 100	Intro to Physics for Health Prof.	5
PHYS 200	General Physics I	4
PSY 200	Biological Psychology	3

C. HUMANITIES (3 units required)

AMSL 100	American Sign Language 1	4
AMSL 102	American Sign Language 2	4
AMSL 200	American Sign Language 3	3
ART 100	History & Appreciation of Art	3
ART 102	History & Appreciation of Art	3
ART 104	History & Appreciation of Modern Art	3
ART 106	Women Artists	3
ENGL 102	Introduction to Literature	3
ENGL 220	Survey of American Literature I	3
ENGL 221	Survey of American Literature II	3
ENGL 222	Survey of World Literature	3
ENGL 223	Survey of World Literature	3
ENGL 224	Survey of English Literature	3
ENGL 225	Survey of English Literature	3
ENGL 228	Intro to Bible as Literature	3
ENGL 230	Intro. to Film History & Criticism (same as HUM 230)	3
+ENGL 260	The Mexican American in Literature (same as SPAN 260)	3
+ENGL 261	The Mexican American in Literature (same as SPAN 261)	3
FREN 100	Elementary French	5
FREN 110	Elementary French	5
FREN 200	Intermediate French	4
FREN 210	Intermediate French	4
FREN 220	Inter French Reading & Writing	3
FREN 230	Intermediate Conversational French	3
FREN 232	Intermediate Conversational French	3
HIST 110	History of Western Civilization	3
HIST 111	History of Western Civilization	3
HUM 100	Introduction to the Humanities	3
HUM 230	Intro. to Film History & Criticism (same as ENGL 230)	3
MUS 100	Introduction to Music Foundations	3
MUS 102	Intro. to Music Lit & Listening	3

MUS 104	Intro. to 20th Century Music	3
MUS 154	Chamber Singers	1
MUS 156	College-Community Chorus	1
MUS 171	Chamber Orchestra	1
MUS 172	College-Community Band	1
MUS 173	Concert Band	1
MUS 174	Estudiantina	1
MUS 178	Symphony Orchestra	1
MUS 200	History & Literature of Music I	3
MUS 202	History & Literature of Music II	3
PHIL 100	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 102	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 104	Ethics	3
PHIL 108	Religions of the Modern World	3
SPAN 100	Elementary Spanish	5
SPAN 101	Elementary Spanish	2.5
SPAN 102	Elementary Spanish	2.5
SPAN 110	Elementary Spanish	5
SPAN 111	Elementary Spanish	2.5
SPAN 112	Elementary Spanish	2.5
SPAN 113	Beg. Conver. Spanish & Culture	2.5
SPAN 114	Beg. Conver. Spanish & Culture	2.5
SPAN 200	Intermediate Spanish	5
SPAN 210	Intermediate Spanish	5
SPAN 220	Bilingual Spanish	5
SPAN 221	Bilingual Spanish	5
SPAN 222	Bilingual Oral Spanish	3
SPAN 225	Intro. to Spanish American Literature	3
+SPAN 260	The Mexican American in Literature (same as ENGL 260)	3
+SPAN 261	The Mexican American in Literature (same as ENGL 261)	3
+SPAN 262	Intro. to Mexican American Studies	3
THEA 100	Introduction to Theatre	3

+Ethnicity Courses

D. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (3 units required)

AG 160	Food & Fiber in a Changing World	3
ADS 120	Introduction to Counseling (same as PSY 120)	3
ADS 160	Human Svcs in a Changing Society (same as SOC 160)	3
ANTH 102	Cultural Anthropology	3

ANTH 104	California Indians	3
ANTH 106	Indians of North America	3
ANTH 108	Indians of the Southwest	3
ANTH 110	Intro to Archaeological Site Survey	3
ANTH 112	Intro to Archaeological Excavations	3
CFCS 104	Early Childhood Socialization: Children, Family and Community	3
CFCS 106	Developmental Psych of Children (same as PSY 106)	3
CFCS 108	Adv Developmental Psychology and Observation	3
CFCS 220	Infant/Toddler Development	3
CFCS 240	Understanding Exceptional Students (same as DSPS 240)	3
DSPS 240	Understanding Exceptional Students (same as CFCS 240)	3
ECON 101	Introduction to Microeconomics	3
ECON 102	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
GEOG 102	Cultural Geography	3
GEOG 104	Economic Geography	3
HIST 100	Early World History	3
HIST 101	Modern World History	3
HIST 122	History of Imperial Valley	3
HIST 130	Comp History of the Americas	3
HIST 131	Comp History of the Americas	3
HIST 132	Mexican and the Amer Southwest	3
HIST 170	Oral History	3
POLS 100	Intro to Political Science	3
POLS 104	Comparative Politics	3
POLS 106	Intro. to International Relations	3
PSY 101	Intro to Psychology	3
PSY 106	Developmental Psych of Child (same as CFCS 106)	3
PSY 120	Introduction to Counseling (same as ADSS 120)	3
PSY 142	Psychology of Adjustment	3
PSY 144	The Psych of Interpersonal Relationships	3
PSY 146	Psychology of Human Sexuality	3
PSY 202	Learning	3
PSY 204	Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death	3
PSY 206	Social Psychology (same as SOC 206)	3
PSY 208	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOC 101	Introductory Sociology	3
SOC 102	Contemporary Social Problems	3
SOC 110	Marriage and the Family	3
SOC 206	Social Psych (same as PSY 206)	3

E. ELECTIVE (3 units required)

In Area E, three (3) units are to be selected from among the four areas (A, B, C and D) identified above as determined by the student's option.