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Fall 2014 Meetings

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.
HSS-261 (Academic Senate Conference Room)

September 9, 23
October 7, 21
November 4, 25

JOINT ACADEMIC SENATE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Santa Monica College

AGENDA

NOVEMBER 4, 2014

1. Public Comments
2. Approval of Minutes (October 21, 2014)
3. Chair's Report
 - a. Academic Senate Actions
4. Old Business
 - i. AR 4114—Matriculation
 - ii. AR 4331—Academic Renewal
 - iii. AR 4332—Progress Renewal
 - iv. Proposed AR on Number of Degrees and Certificates Awarded to a Student
5. New Business
 - a.
6. Announcements

Student Affairs Committee
Minutes Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Attendees: Karen Legg - Chair, Esau Tovar - Vice Chair, Deyna Hearn, Lucy Kluckhohn-Jones, Laurie Guglielmo, Sara Boosheri, Denise Kinsella, Delores Raveling, Gail Fukuhara, Caitlin Corker (Student Rep).

Excused/Absent: Jeffrey Lewis (Student Rep), Diana Guterrez (Student Rep), Benny Blaydes, Nathalie Laille, Shannon Herbert, Alicia Villalpando.

Agenda

1. Call to order 2:15 pm
2. Minutes from October 7, 2014 motion to approve by Denise Kinsella, 2nd by Lucy Kluckhohn-Jones, committee voted unanimous as is.
3. Chair's Report
 - a. Committee membership changes
 - i. Karen Legg was announced as the new chair of the Student Affairs Committee.
4. Old Business
 - a. AR 4114—Matriculation
 - i. This AR has been approved by the Senate Executive Committee with a few minor changes in language for clarification. Revisions were adopted unanimously by the Student Affairs Committee and the AR and is now ready to go to the Senate Floor.
 - b. AR 4331—Academic Renewal
 - i. After a few changes were made to the language for clarification purposes. Revisions were adopted unanimously the AR is now ready to go to the Senate Executive Committee.
 - c. AR 4332—Progress Renewal
 - i. After a few changes were made to the language for clarification purposes. Revisions were adopted unanimously the AR is now ready to go to the Senate Executive Committee.
5. New Business
 - a. Development of policy regarding issuance of multiple degrees by SMC
 - i. Esau mentioned the Chancellor's office would like to see a 1% increase in degrees being issued from the community colleges in California for the next 10 years.
 - ii. SMC can fast-track associates degrees and certificates for all students in all majors, but guidelines need to be developed as to how many degrees may be awarded to individual students.
 - iii. The committee agreed on some questions that need to be addressed:
 - Fast-track can only be used for SMC coursework unless we have official transcripts from other schools. Does the automated technology have the ability to differentiate SMC coursework from other schools coursework or will the counselors have to wait for official transcripts to note the coursework on the student record?

- Does SMC issue both ADTs and regular degrees for the same student in the same major?
- Can one student have 3 to 4 degrees?
- Does automatically granting the degrees harm vets or any other students in special programs?
- If students have an opt out, will they be aware whether they should opt out or not?
Denise mentioned international students could lose opportunities they may not be aware of.
- Can SMC rescind the diploma granting without penalty to the students?
- How do we notify students of their available degrees/certificates? Via email? Via a link in Corsair Connect?

6. Meeting Adjourned at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Ann Marie Leahy

Rationale for Revisions:

This administrative regulation is being revised to bring us into compliance with the requirements enacted by the Student Success Act of 2102, which among other things redefined the matriculation process at California Community Colleges. The Act also articulated specific requirements constituting the Student Support and Success Program.

ARTICLE 4100 ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION**AR 4114 Matriculation Student Success and Support Program**

Student success is the responsibility of the student and the institution, supported by well-coordinated and evidence-based student and instructional services to foster student academic success. The goal of the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) is to increase California community college student access and success through the provision of core matriculation services, including, assessment and placement, orientation, counseling, advising, and other educational planning services, with the goal of providing students with the support services necessary to assist them in achieving their education goal and identified course of study.

1. Components and Participation

Following the submission of the admission application, all students will participate in the matriculation process unless specifically exempted from selected components of the process. Failure to fulfill the required components may result in a hold on a student's enrollment or loss of enrollment priority until the services have been completed. The matriculation components shall consist of Assessment and Placement, Orientation, Counseling/Advising/Other Educational Planning Services/Education Plan Development (hereafter referred to as Counseling), and Follow-Up Services for at-risk students. Details concerning these components and exemptions are noted below.

2. Matriculation Status

Matriculation status shall be established for all new students at the time they submit their applications for admission to the College. Their status shall be either "matriculant" or deferred "exempt matriculant."

Students are considered matriculants if they are enrolling in college at Santa Monica College for the first time ~~or and~~ their goal is to obtain an Associate of Arts degree, ~~or to transfer to a four-year college or university, or to complete an occupational goal a career certificate.~~ International students who are studying on an F-1 visa are considered matriculants and shall not be exempted from any of the matriculation components.

3. Exempt Matriculants

An "Exemption" is a waiver or deferral of a student's participation in assessment and placement, orientation, or counseling services which are required of students.

Any student who is exempt from assessment and placement, orientation, and counseling will still be given the opportunity to participate in these services. Exempt students may be subjected to the loss of priority enrollment as noted in Section 4 below. Information on exemptions and waivers is available in the [College Catalog and the Schedule of Classes](#). Exemptions concerning assessment and placement testing are noted in AR 4111.4.

Once the period for exemption expires, students become matriculants, and must then meet any requirements from which they were initially exempted.

a. Orientation and Counseling (excluding education plan development)

Matriculants may be exempt from the orientation and the counseling component if they meet any of the following requirements:

- i. Have completed an Associate Degree or higher;
- ii. Have enrolled for a reason other than career development or advancement, transfer, attainment of a degree or certificate, or completion of basic skills or English as a Second Language course sequence;
- iii. Have enrolled solely to take courses that are legally mandated for employment as defined in Title 5, Section 55000 or necessary in response to a significant change in industry or licensure standards;
- iv. Are high school students [concurrently enrolled at SMC](#);
- v. Have previously attended SMC and are returning after a break in enrollment for no more than four semesters.

b. Assessment and Placement

Matriculants may be exempt from the assessment and placement component provided they meet the exemption criteria noted in Administrative Regulation 4411.4 (Section 3).

c. Education Plan Development

Matriculants may be exempt from the student education plan development requirement (part of the Counseling component) only if they are not a first-time college student.

4. Required Institutional Services (55520)

Santa Monica College provides the following matriculation components:

a. Orientation (55521)

During orientation, students shall be provided with information on a timely basis regarding the following:

- i. Academic expectations and progress and probation standards
- ii. Maintaining enrollment priority

- iii. Prerequisites or co-requisite challenge processes
- iv. Maintaining Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver eligibility
- v. Description of available programs, support services, financial aid assistance, campus facilities, and how they can be accessed
- vi. Academic calendar and important timelines
- vii. Enrollment and college fees
- viii. Available education planning services

b. Assessment and Placement (55522)

Santa Monica College requires all matriculants to participate in English, ESL, and math assessment, prior to enrolling in courses. As noted in AR 4111.4, S Santa Monica College:

- i. Utilizes assessment tests that are approved by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to assess students' English language proficiency and computational skills;
- ii. Utilizes multiple measures in combination with assessment tests to place students into courses.
- iii. Validates assessment and placement instruments for local use according to the CCC Chancellor's Office guidelines for the validation of assessment tests to ensure they minimize or eliminate cultural or linguistic bias;
- iv. Undertakes studies to ensure that no assessment test, method, or procedure has a disproportionate impact on particular groups of students;
- v. Informs students of alternate means by which they may place into college courses;
- vi. Notifies students of assessment and placement requirements, including placement test preparation materials.

c. Counseling, Education Plan Development, and Other Educational Planning Services (55523/55524)

Santa Monica College provides a variety of Counseling services to new and continuing students, including:

- i. Assistance to students in the exploration of education and career interests and aptitudes and identification of an education and career goal and course of study;
- ii. The provision of information, guided by sound counseling principles and practices, using a broad array of delivery, including technology-based strategies, to serve a continuum of student needs and;
- iii. Opportunities to develop an education plan outlining a course of study related to a student's academic and career goal. All matriculants must develop a one or two term abbreviated education plan prior to enrollment in their first semester. All matriculants are required to complete a comprehensive education plan encompassing the required goal coursework after completing 15-degree applicable units or prior to the end of their third semester.

d. Follow-up Services (55525)

The College shall maintain a follow-up system that ensures regular monitoring for early detection of academic difficulty and provides students with advice or referral to specialized

services or curriculum offerings when necessary. Follow-up services shall be targeted to at-risk students, specifically students enrolled in basic skills courses, students who have not yet identified an education goal and course of study, or students who are on academic/progress probation, or who have been disqualified. Santa Monica College will refer students when appropriate to support services and will share information about curriculum offerings. These services include, but are not limited to, probation/disqualification interventions, academic early alert systems, and referral to other support services.

i. Probationary Students:

Santa Monica College requires students who are placed on academic and/or progress probation to enroll in a limited unit load and to meet with a counselor to develop intervention strategies and/or formulate an education plan to return to good standing.

ii. Disqualified Students:

To return to good standing, disqualified students must meet with a counselor to develop intervention strategies and/or revise an education plan.

iii. Undeclared Students:

Matriculants who have not declared educational goals must participate in career or academic selection counseling after completing 15 degree applicable semester units or prior to the end of their third semester at Santa Monica College.

iv. Basic Skills Students: (55520)

Santa Monica College shall provide Basic Skills students with the opportunity to participate in a variety of support services, such as counseling services, counselor outreach to Basic Skills courses, tutoring, and supplemental instruction.

5. Accommodations

Accommodations for the select groups below may be provided by the College.

a. Students with Disabilities:

Santa Monica College shall provide reasonable accommodations to the disability-related needs of individual students. Such accommodation shall be determined through an interactive process and on a case by case basis. Participation in the DSPS program is voluntary and, therefore, no student with a disability shall be denied an accommodation for the assessment because he or she chooses not to use the services provided by that program. Consultation is available with the ADA 504 Compliance Officer, if necessary.

b. Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS):

EOPS is authorized to provide services that are over, above, and in addition to services otherwise provided to all credit-enrolled students. Participation in EOPS is voluntary and no student may be denied necessary support because he or she chooses not to use specialized services provided by this program.

- c. English Language Learners:
Santa Monica College shall ensure that SSSP services are accessible for English language learners and are appropriate to their needs. Modified or alternative services for limited or non-English-speaking students may be provided in English as a Second Language programs.

6. Student Responsibilities: (55530)

- a. All students shall be required to:
- i. identify an education and career goal after completion of the 15th unit of degree-applicable coursework, or prior to the end of the third semester, whichever comes first. Failure to fulfill the mandatory SSSP requirements may result in a hold on a student's enrollment or loss of enrollment priority until the services have been completed.
 - ii. engage diligently in course activities and complete assigned coursework; and
 - iii. complete courses and maintain progress toward an education goal.
- b. Nonexempt first time students, prior to their first enrollment, shall be required to:
- i. identify an education goal;
 - ii. be assessed to determine appropriate course placement;
 - iii. complete online orientation;
 - iv. participate in counseling or other educational planning services to develop, at a minimum, an abbreviated student education plan. Failure to fulfill the required services may result in a hold on a student's enrollment or loss of enrollment priority until the services have been completed.

7. Program Effectiveness and Improvement

Santa Monica College shall establish a program of institutional research for the ongoing evaluation of the services funded through the Student Success and Support Program and use the research results as a basis to continuously improve services to students.

8. Violations and Appeals (55534)

Formal written complaints about the matriculation process may be filed with the administrator in charge of the Student Success and Support Program or designee. Records of all such written complaints shall be retained in the Student Success and Support Program administrator's office for at least 3 years after the complaint has been resolved or longer if necessary to meet other requirements.

When a complaint contains an allegation that the District has violated the provisions of the Assessment policy (55522(c)), the College shall advise the student, upon completion of the challenge procedure, that he or she may file a formal complaint of unlawful discrimination, pursuant to Section 59300.

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- ~~— All students who participate in the matriculation process are entitled to the following:~~

 - ~~— A. Admission to the College subject to Federal, State of California and Santa Monica College Board of Trustees policies and regulations, and the availability of classes.~~

 - ~~— B. Information about the SMC campus and its satellite locations, the enrollment process, the matriculation process, and the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees policies relating to students.~~

 - ~~— C. Access to a matriculation process that will facilitate participation in all components.~~

 - ~~— D. An English/ESL and/or math assessment instrument approved by the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges.~~

 - ~~— E. An English/ESL and/or math assessment recommendation that utilizes information and advisement based upon multiple measures.~~

 - ~~— F. Counseling assistance in the selection and enrollment of approved student classes.~~

 - ~~— G. Information about special programs, prerequisites, corequisites, advisories, and procedures.~~

 - ~~— H. Information and referrals regarding Santa Monica College student support services, such as financial aid.~~

 - ~~— I. Follow up counseling services to enhance academic and personal performances and identify skill deficiencies that impact their academic performances.~~

 - ~~— J. Matriculation services for ethnic, language minority students and students with disabilities appropriate to their needs, and where necessary, modifications in the matriculation process or use of alternative instruments and/or methods or procedures to accommodate the needs of these students.~~

2. General Student Matriculation Responsibilities

~~All students are responsible for the following:~~

~~A. Declaring specific educational goals no later than the semester before attempting their 16th unit of credit at Santa Monica College.~~

~~B. Meeting with a counselor within 90 days of declaring their educational goals to develop educational plans that shall include (a) the courses required to meet the matriculants' educational goals and (b) any special programs and/or student services that would support the attainment of those educational goals.~~

~~C. Attending class and completing assigned course work.~~

~~D. Completing courses and pursuing educational plans to reach their academic or career goals.~~

~~E. Meeting with counselors whenever there is a change in their existing educational plans and creating revised educational plans consistent with their new academic or career goals.~~

3. Special Matriculation Responsibilities

~~Matriculants have the following responsibilities in order to ensure that they achieve their educational and personal goals:~~

~~A. Probationary students—Santa Monica College requires students who are placed on academic and/or progress probation (as stated in SMC Board Policies) to develop contracts with counselors for returning to good standing.~~

~~B. Undeclared Students—Santa Monica College requires matriculants who have not declared educational goals to participate in career or academic selection counseling no later than the semester before attempting their 16th unit of credit at Santa Monica College.~~

~~C. Students Enrolled in Pre-College Courses—Santa Monica College requires matriculants who are enrolled in pre-college courses to plan with their instructors the next courses in the instructional sequence and to see counselors to develop a program for the ensuing semester.~~

~~4. Matriculants (Deferred)~~

~~Students who have had prior college experience and/or who do not plan to transfer or complete an occupational course of study, may opt to defer their matriculation process until the semester before attempting their 16th unit of credit at Santa Monica College, at which time they become matriculants. Information on exemptions and waivers is available in the *Assessment Brochure*, the *Schedule of Classes* and the college website.~~

Deferred matriculants shall:

- ~~A. Complete the admissions component;~~
- ~~B. Be given orientation materials at the time of application submission;~~
- ~~C. Be exempt from English or ESL and math assessment unless they plan to take English/ESL or math classes;~~
- ~~D. Be permitted to participate in counseling and advisement.~~

5. Matriculation Components and Participation

~~All students will participate in the matriculation process unless specifically exempted from selected components of the process. The matriculation components shall consist of admission, orientation, assessment, counseling/advisement, and follow-up. All students shall complete the admissions component regardless of their matriculation status. All students enrolled in graded classes shall be included in the follow-up component.~~

~~All matriculants are required to participate in the following components:~~

- ~~A. English, ESL or math assessment, prior to enrolling in those classes.~~
- ~~B. Orientation~~

~~Santa Monica College requires all matriculants to participate in the orientation component. Matriculants are exempt from the orientation component if they~~

- ~~(1) have completed an AA Degree or higher, or~~
- ~~(2) are enrolled only in ungraded classes, or~~
- ~~(3) are high school students enrolled only in advanced placement classes, or~~
- ~~(4) are enrolled only in not for credit classes, or~~
- ~~(5) have previously attended SMC and are returning after discontinued enrollment for no more than one semester.~~

~~C. Assessment~~

~~Santa Monica College requires all matriculants to participate in English, ESL or math assessment, prior to enrolling in those classes. Students are exempt from the assessment component if they have assessment results from or have met the course prerequisites at another accredited college. Students may use an assessment score from another college for initial placement recommendation only, provided that an equivalent course can be identified by the department.~~

~~D. Counseling and Advisement~~

~~Santa Monica College requires that all matriculants update their student educational plans with their counselors no later than the semester before attempting their 16th unit of credit.~~

~~E. Follow-up~~

~~The College shall maintain a follow-up system that ensures regular monitoring for early detection of academic difficulty.~~

6. Prerequisite Challenges

~~See SMC Board of Trustees Policy Section 5120 on Prerequisites/Corequisites.~~

7. Student Matriculation Complaints

~~Formal written complaints about the matriculation process may be filed with the administrator in charge of matriculation. These complaint forms can be obtained from the Matriculation Office. Records of all such written complaints shall be retained in the matriculation administrator's office for at least 3 years after the complaint has been resolved and shall be subject to review by the Chancellor as part of the statewide evaluation required under Section 55512 of Title 5.~~

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 55500, [55502](#), [55510](#), [55511](#),
[55512](#), [55516](#), [55518](#), [55520-55534](#),

Reviewed and/or Updated: 4/29/03

[Revised: October 7, 2014](#)

Rationale for Revisions:

Santa Monica College's policy on academic and progress renewal is very restrictive in contrast to most California community colleges. As transfer admission to UCs and CSUs continues to be more competitive, SMC students who performed poorly early in their academic career have a more difficult time gaining admission to the university because every substandard grade earned is used to calculate a transferable GPA. Many of these students go on to repeat a course with a substandard grade at another institution for any number of reasons. Given our current policy, these students are unable to petition for academic or progress renewal because the course was repeated elsewhere. However, Title 5 does not prohibit community colleges to academic/progress renew a course because it was subsequently repeated elsewhere. It should be noted that both UCs and CSUs will recognize academic/progress renewal transcript notations so long as the community college approves them. What this means is that a qualifying substandard grade will be disregarded in the calculation of the transferable GPA and our students will be able to compete on an even ground with other students who attend colleges with academic/progress renewal policies similar to the one we advance in the revisions below.

AR 4331 Academic Renewal

Academic Renewal is a process intended to facilitate degree and certificate completion and/or removal from academic probation. The student must meet with a counselor and complete an academic renewal petition. A maximum of 30 semester units, [including up to two substandard grades in the same course](#) may be disregarded under this policy. Final approval of the petition will be granted by the Admissions and Records Office.

To qualify for academic renewal, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. The student's educational objectives have changed such that repetition of the coursework at SMC is no longer appropriate.
- ~~2. The student has not repeated the coursework at SMC or any other institution.~~
- ~~2.3.~~ Coursework to be disregarded is limited to 'D' and 'F' grades [of non-repeated SMC coursework](#).
- ~~3.4.~~ The student must have completed a minimum of 36 semester units of 2.0 GPA or a minimum of 24 semester units of 2.5 GPA or a minimum of 15 semester units of 3.0 GPA

at an accredited college subsequent to the coursework to be disregarded. Units must be consecutive and must have begun anytime after the coursework to be disregarded.

- 4.5. There must be a lapse of at least two years since completion of the most recent coursework to be disregarded.

All coursework will remain legible on the student's permanent record ensuring a true and complete record. The student's permanent record shall be annotated so that it is readily evident to all users of the record that any course disregarded may not satisfy certificate, degree, or general education course requirements.

Reference: Title 5, Section 55765; Education Code Section 76224

Reviewed and/or Updated: 12/09/03, 7/22/08

Revised: October 21, 2014

AR 4332 Progress Renewal

Progress Renewal is a process intended to facilitate degree and certificate completion and/or removal from progress probation. The student must meet with a counselor and complete a progress renewal petition. All coursework will remain legible on the student's permanent record ensuring a true and complete record. A maximum of 30 semester units, including up to two Withdrawal ("W"), or No Pass ("NP"), or No Credit ("NC"), or any combination of two of these notations/grades in the same course may be disregarded under this policy. Final approval of the petition will be granted by the Admissions and Records Office.

To qualify for progress renewal, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. The student's educational objectives have changed such that repetition of the coursework at SMC is no longer appropriate.
- ~~2. The student has not repeated the coursework at SMC or any other institution.~~
- ~~32.~~ Coursework to be disregarded is limited to ~~withdrawal ("W"), and no "NC," and ("NP")~~ notations/grades of non-repeated SMC coursework.
- ~~43.~~ The student must have completed a minimum of 36 semester units of 2.0 GPA, or a minimum of 24 semester units of 2.5 GPA, or a minimum of 15 semester units of 3.0 GPA at an accredited college subsequent to the coursework to be disregarded. Units must be consecutive and must have begun any time after the coursework to be disregarded. Any ~~withdrawal~~ Withdrawal ("W"), incomplete ~~Incomplete ("I"), or No~~ Credit ("NC"), or No Pass ("NP") notation/grades received during this time-frame will void the petition.
- ~~54.~~ There must be a lapse of at least two years since completion of the most recent coursework to be disregarded.

Reviewed and/or Updated: 12/09/03; 07/22/08

Revised: October 21, 2014

Rationale for Revisions:

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AR 4356 Number of Degrees and Certificates Awarded to a Student

Santa Monica College may award an Associate Degree, Certificate of Achievement, or Department Certificate to a student upon completion of all required coursework and scholarship requirements as noted in Administrative Regulations 4350 (Graduation Requirements), 4354 (Career and Department Certificates of Completion), 4354.1 (IGETC Certificate of Achievement), and 4354.2 (CSUGE Certificate of Achievement).

The College is authorized under California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 55063, to confer upon a student a degree/certificate without requiring the student to first petition for conferral. The Admissions and Records Office shall establish a procedure by which it notifies potential awardees of its intent to confer the degree/certificate and avail them with the opportunity for refusal by a specific deadline. The Admissions and Records Office shall also establish a mechanism by which a student who was automatically conferred a degree/certificate to petition for its rescission.

There shall be no limitation imposed by the College upon the maximum number of degrees that may be awarded for any given student.

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Authority cited: Title 5, Section 55063

-----Original Message-----

From: Bruckman, Steve [mailto:Sbruckman@CCCCO.edu]
 Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 1:51 PM
 To: Penny Johnson
 Cc: Michalowski, Linda
 Subject: conferring degrees

Dear Vice President Johnson,

You have asked me whether a college is authorized to confer a degree upon a student if a student does not desire to receive the degree. Title 5 section 55063 provides that "The governing board of a community college district shall confer the associate degree upon a student..." who has met the degree requirements. The use of the word "shall" indicates that this is a mandatory obligation of the district and does not allow for discretion. The title 5 section does not contain any provisions indicating that a student has the right or ability to prevent the conferring of the degree. Therefore, the district is not required to obtain the student's consent before conferring a degree.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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5 CCR § 55063

§ 55063. Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree.

The governing board of a community college district shall confer the associate degree upon a student who has demonstrated competence in reading, in written expression, and in mathematics, and who has satisfactorily completed at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of degree-applicable credit course work (as defined in section 55002(a)) which falls into the categories described in section 55062. A college may also accept toward satisfaction of this requirement courses that were not completed at a California community college that would reasonably be expected to meet or exceed the standards of section 55002(a).

Effective for all students admitted to a community college for the Fall 2009 term or any term thereafter, competence in written expression shall be demonstrated by obtaining a satisfactory grade in an English course at the level of the course typically known as Freshman Composition (either Freshman Composition or another English course at the same level and with the same rigor, approved locally) or by completing an assessment conducted pursuant to subchapter 6 of this chapter (commencing with section 55500) and achieving a score determined to be comparable to satisfactory completion of the specified English course. Satisfactory completion of an English course at the level of Freshman Composition shall satisfy both this competency requirement and the coursework requirement set forth in subdivision (b)(1)(D)(i) of this section.

Effective for all students admitted to a community college for the Fall 2009 term or any term thereafter, competence in mathematics shall be demonstrated by obtaining a satisfactory grade in a mathematics course at the level of the course typically known as Intermediate Algebra (either Intermediate Algebra or another mathematics course at the same level, with the same rigor and with Elementary Algebra as a prerequisite, approved locally) or by completing an assessment conducted pursuant to subchapter 6 of this chapter (commencing with section 55500) and achieving a score determined to be comparable to satisfactory completion of the specified mathematics course. Satisfactory completion of a mathematics course at the level of Intermediate Algebra shall satisfy both this competency requirement and the coursework requirement set forth in subdivision (b)(1)(D)(ii) of this section.

The competency requirements for written expression and mathematics may also be met by obtaining a satisfactory grade in courses in English and mathematics taught in or on behalf of other departments and which, as determined by the local governing board, require entrance skills at a level equivalent to those necessary for Freshman Composition and Intermediate Algebra respectively. Requirements for demonstrating competency in reading shall be locally determined.

The required 60 semester or 90 quarter units of course work must be fulfilled in a curriculum accepted toward the degree by a college within the district (as shown in its catalog). It must include at least 18 semester or 27 quarter units in general education and at least 18 semester or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis as prescribed in this section. Of the total required units, at least 12 semester or 18 quarter units must be completed in residence at the college granting the degree. Exceptions to residence requirements for the associate degree may be made by the governing board when it determines that an injustice or undue hardship would be placed on the student.

(a) Requirements for a major or area of emphasis.

(1) At least 18 semester or 27 quarter units of study must be taken in a single discipline or related disciplines, as listed in the community colleges "Taxonomy of Programs," or in an area of emphasis involving lower division coursework which prepares students for a field of study or for a specific major at the University of California or the California State University.

(2) Effective for all students admitted to a community college for the Fall 2009 term or any term thereafter, each course counted toward the unit requirement of this subdivision must be completed with a grade of C or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis.

(b) General Education Requirements.

(1) Students receiving an associate degree shall complete a minimum of 18 semester or 27 quarter units of general education coursework which includes a minimum of three semester or four quarter units in each of the areas specified in paragraphs (A), (B) and (C) and the same minimum in each part of paragraph (D). The remainder of the unit requirement is also to be selected from among these four divisions of learning or as determined by local option:

(A) Natural Sciences. Courses in the natural sciences are those which examine the physical universe, its life forms, and its natural phenomena. To satisfy the general education requirement in natural sciences, a course shall be designed to help the student develop an appreciation and understanding of the scientific method, and encourage an understanding of the relationships between science and other human activities. This category would include introductory or integrative courses in astronomy, biology, chemistry, general physical science, geology, meteorology, oceanography, physical geography, physical anthropology, physics and other scientific disciplines.

(B) Social and Behavioral Sciences. Courses in the social and behavioral sciences are those which focus on people as members of society. To satisfy the general education requirement in social and behavioral sciences, a course shall be designed to develop an awareness of the method of inquiry used by the social and behavioral sciences. It shall be designed to stimulate critical thinking about the ways people act and have acted in response to their societies and should promote appreciation of how societies and social subgroups operate. This category would include introductory or integrative survey courses in cultural

anthropology, cultural geography, economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology and related disciplines.

(C) Humanities. Courses in the humanities are those which study the cultural activities and artistic expressions of human beings. To satisfy the general education requirement in the humanities, a course shall be designed to help the student develop an awareness of the ways in which people throughout the ages and in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation and help the student develop aesthetic understanding and an ability to make value judgments. Such courses could include introductory or integrative courses in the arts, foreign languages, literature, philosophy, and religion.

(D) Language and Rationality. Courses in language and rationality are those which develop for the student the principles and applications of language toward logical thought, clear and precise expression and critical evaluation of communication in whatever symbol system the student uses. Such courses include:

(i) English Composition. Courses fulfilling the written composition requirement shall be designed to include both expository and argumentative writing.

(ii) Communication and Analytical Thinking. Courses fulfilling the communication and analytical thinking requirement include oral communication, mathematics, logic, statistics, computer languages and programming, and related disciplines.

(2) Ethnic Studies will be offered in at least one of the areas required by subdivision (1).

(c) While a course might satisfy more than one general education requirement, it may not be counted more than once for these purposes. A course may be used to satisfy both a general education requirement and a major or area of emphasis requirement. Whether it may be counted again for a different degree requirement is a matter for each college to determine. Students may use the same course to meet a general education requirement for the associate degree and to partially satisfy a general education requirement at the California State University, if such course is accepted by that system to satisfy a general education requirement.

(d) For the purpose of this section, "satisfactorily completed" means either credit earned on a "pass-no pass" basis or a grade point average of 2.0 or better in community college credit courses in the curriculum upon which the degree is based.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901 and 70902, Education Code.

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