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Graduation requirements for an undergraduate degree program shall meet minimum credit requirements and shall include provisions for general education appropriate to the level and type of degree. The institution shall specify the distribution of general education credit requirements by subject area for each undergraduate degree program.

(a) A Bachelor's degree may be awarded to a student whom the institution can document has achieved sequential learning equivalent in general education and equivalent in depth of achievement in a designated major field to that acquired in four years of study beyond high school, as measured by a minimum of 120 semester credits or its equivalent. At least 25 percent of the credit requirements for a Bachelor's degree shall be in general education.

(b) An Associate degree may be awarded only to a student whom the institution can document has achieved sequential learning equivalent to that acquired in two years of study beyond high school, as measured by a minimum of 60 semester credits or its equivalent. Except as provided in subdivision (c) of this section, at least 25 percent of the credit requirements for an Associate degree shall be in general education.

(c) The Specialized Associate degree (Occupational) or the Associate of Applied Science degree may be awarded only to a student who completes at least the learning outcomes equivalent to a minimum of 60 semester credits or the equivalent. A minimum of seventy-five percent of the credits shall be in the occupational area for which training is offered. The general education offered as part of a Specialized Associate degree (Occupational) or an Associate of Applied Science degree program shall be such as is necessary for a student to achieve the educational objectives of the program in which the student is enrolled. General education shall be at the same level of quality as that taught in approved Bachelor's or Associate degree programs.

**Credits**

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877 and 94885, Education Code. Reference: Section 94885, Education Code.

## HISTORY

1. New section filed 8-17-92 as an emergency; operative 8-17-92 (Register 92, No. 34). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL 2-13-93 pursuant to Education Code section 94337(a) or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
2. Certificate of Compliance as to 8-17-92 order transmitted to OAL on 2-3-93; disapproved by OAL on 3-24-93 (Register 93, No. 14).
3. New section refiled 4-12-93 as an emergency; operative 4-12-93 (Register 93, No. 16). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL 10-9-93 pursuant to Education Code section 94337(a) or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
4. Certificate of Compliance as to 4-12-93 order transmitted to OAL on 10-6-93; disapproved by OAL on 11-22-93 (Register 93, No. 49).
5. New section refiled 11-17-93 as an emergency; operative 11-17-93 (Register 93, No. 47). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 5-16-94 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
6. Certificate of Compliance as to 11-17-93 order transmitted to OAL with amendment of subsection (a) 3-11-94 and filed 4-19-94 (Register 94, No. 16).
7. Amendment of subsection (c)(2) filed 10-27-94 as an emergency; operative 10-27-94 (Register 94, No. 43). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 4-25-95 (pursuant to Education Code section 94337) or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
8. Editorial correction of HISTORY 7 (Register 95, No. 19).
9. Certificate of Compliance as to 10-27-94 order transmitted to OAL 3-30-95 and filed 5-10-95 (Register 95, No. 19).
10. Deletion of article 15 heading and amendment of section heading, section and NOTE filed 2-1-2010 as an emergency; operative 2-1-2010 (Register 2010, No. 6). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 8-2-2010 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
11. Deletion of article 15 heading and amendment of section heading, section and NOTE refiled 7-30-2010 as an emergency; operative 7-30-2010 (Register 2010, No. 31). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 10-28-2010 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

12. Editorial correction of HISTORIES 1 and 3 (Register 2010, No. 34).

13. Certificate of Compliance as to 7-30-2010 order transmitted to OAL 10-7-2010 and filed 11-18-2010 (Register 2010, No. 47).

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