



# Associate Degree (A.S or A.A)

## General Education Requirements

### 2023-2024

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*This document is an advising tool and does not replace a Student Education Plan (SEP).*

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<b>A. LANGUAGE AND RATIONALITY:</b> Select one course from A1 and one course from A2. A minimum of 6 units must be distributed as follows:		<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>A1. English Composition</b> ADN 140; ENGL 115; ENGL 115H, ESL 115A	<b>A2. Communication and Analytical Thinking</b> ARCH 235, BIOL 215, BUS 183, BUS/CIS 101; COMM 103, 104, 160, *174; ENGL 116; GEOG 145, 150; RDG 158; MATH 100 or any higher math course; PHIL 103; PSYC/SOC 270, 280.			
<b>B. NATURAL SCIENCES:</b> Select one course. A minimum of 3 units must be distributed as follows: . Underlined courses include lecture and laboratory.		<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
ANTH 101; ASTR 100, 120, 150, 170, 180; BIOL 100, 130, 140, 143, <u>150</u> , 145, 160, 180, 185, <u>190</u> , <u>210</u> , <u>211</u> , <u>212</u> , <u>260</u> , <u>261</u> , <u>265</u> ; BIOL/CHEM 151, CHEM <u>100</u> , <u>102</u> , <u>110</u> , 160, <u>170</u> , <u>200</u> , <u>210</u> , <u>240</u> , 242, <u>250</u> , CHEM/BIOL 151; EHMT 100, GEOG 100, 130, 160, GEOG/GEOL/PHS 110; GEOL 100, 104, 115, GEOL/GEOG/PHS110; LNT 100; PHS 101, PHS/GEOG/GEOL 110; PHYS 150, 152, 270, 272, 274				
<b>C. HUMANITIES:</b> Select one course. A minimum of 3 units must be distributed as follows:		<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
AFRO/SOC *151; ASIA/SOC *115; ARCH 208, 210; ART 100, 101, 104, 105, 107, 110, 112, 113, 114, 116, 121, 129, 149, 150, 151, 156, 157, 160, 161, 170, 182, 185A, 185B, 208A; ART 130/FTMA 161, ART 131/FTMA 102, ART 132/FTMA 112; ASL 101, 102, 201, 225; CHIN 101, 102; COMM 142, 170 <sub>±</sub> [FA22-FA24]; COMM 180 /FTMA 163; COMM 185/FTMA 160; DANC 200; ENGL 160, 220, 225, 230, 231, 240, 241, 250, 251, 255, 256, 260, 265, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 280, 281; ESL 159A; FIL 101, 102, 201; FREN 101, 102, 201, 202; FTMA 102/ART 131, FTMA 105, FTMA 112/ART 132, FTMA 113, FTMA 116/TA 115, FTMA 120, FTMA 131, FTMA 160/COMM 185, FTMA 161/ART 130, FTMA 162/HUM 112, FTMA 163/COMM 180; HIST *104, *105, *106, *107, *160; HUM 101, 102, 104, 121, 123, 140; HUM 112/FTMA 162; ITAL 101, 102, 201, 202; JPN 101, 101A, 101B, 102, 201, 202; MAS/SOC *150; MUS 105, 106, 107, 195, 202; MUS 155/RA&T 105; PHIL 101, 106, 107, 120; PORT 101, 102; RA&T 105/MUS 155; SOC/AFRO *151, SOC/ASIA *115, SOC/MAS *150; SPAN 101, 101A, 101B, 101H, 102, 201, 202, 215, 216, 221, 225, 226, TA 100, 101, 102, 110, 152; TA 115/FTMA 116				
<b>D. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES:</b> Select one course. A minimum of 3 units must be distributed as follows:		<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
AJ 110, 111, 114, 252; AFRO 110, 111@; AFRO/SOC *151; ANTH 102, 103, 112, 115; ASIA/HIST 112, 113@, 114; ASIA/SOC *115; CD 135, 170, 284; COMM 200/JOUR 101; COMM *174, 176; ECON 100, 101, 102; FTMA 164+; GEOG 106, 120, 150; HLTH 121, 212, 214+; HIST 100, 101, *104, *105, *106, *107, 121, 122, 132, *160; HIST/AFRO 110, 111@; HIST/ASIA 112, 113@, 114; HIST/MAS 141, 142@; HUM 120, 122, JOUR 101/COMM 200, JOUN 101/COMM 200; MAS 100@, 110@, 180, MAS/HIST 141, 142@; MAS/SOC 150*, 170@; PS 101, 102, 103, 104; PSYC 101, 106, 109 211, 230, 250, 255, 260; PSYC/SOC 116; SOC 101, 106, 107, 110, 135, 140, 255; SOC/AFRO *151; SOC/ASIA *115; SOC/PSYC 116; SOC/MAS 150*, 170@				
<b>Other:</b> If needed, please select one additional course (3 units) from Area A, B, C or D to satisfy the 18 unit minimum requirement per Title 5 Associate Degree Requirements.		<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Additional SWC Graduation Requirements</b>		<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
English Writing Competency Requirement	Select one course in each area. See Page 2. ENGL 115, 115H, or ESL 115A			
Reading Competency Requirement	RDG 158, ENGL 115, 115H, or ESL 115A			
Mathematics Competency Requirement	PSYC/SOC 270, 280, MATH 100 or higher			
Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement	AFRO 111, ASIA 113, MAS 142, MAS 100, MAS 110 or MAS 170			

**Legend:**

**C** = Complete    **IP** = In Progress    **N** = Needed

@ Approved Ethnic Studies Course(s)

\*Course(s) listed in more than one area

+New course(s) to General Education area, ± Effective 2022-2023 (last year)

# ADDITIONAL COMPETENCY AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## UNIT AND SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENT

Students must satisfactorily complete the following in order to meet associate degree requirements:

- a minimum of 60 units of degree level coursework.
- satisfy all competency and graduation requirements.
- maintain a minimum 2.00 or higher grade point average (or "Pass") for all Southwestern College general education coursework.
- all courses required for the major or area of emphasis must be completed with minimum 2.00 or higher grade point average (or "Pass") in each course.
- complete one additional course (3 units) from Area A, B, C or D if needed to satisfy the 18 unit minimum requirement per Title 5 Associate Degree Requirements.

## COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

### *Writing Competency Requirement*

The Southwestern College English Writing competency requirement is met by satisfactory completion (grade of "C" or better or "Pass") in the following:

ENGL 115 College Composition: Reading and Writing Analytically

ENGL 115H Honors College Composition: Reading and Writing Analytically

ESL 115A College Composition for Multilingual Students

Note: Competency requirements may also be met by satisfactory scores on specified Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams or by receiving credit for prior learning experiences as deemed equivalent by discipline faculty per Board Policy and Administrative Procedure 4235 Credit for Prior Learning.

A student who has received a college degree from an accredited U.S. institution will not be required to meet any competency requirements for graduation.

### *Reading Competency Requirement*

The Southwestern College reading competency requirement is met by satisfactory completion (grade of "C" or better or "Pass") in one of the following:

RDG 158 College Reading

ENGL 115 College Composition: Reading and Writing Analytically

ENGL 115H Honors College Composition: Reading and Writing Analytically

ESL 115A College Composition for Multilingual Students

### *Mathematics Competency Requirement*

The Southwestern College mathematics competency requirement can be satisfied in any one of the following ways:

- Satisfactory completion (grade of "C" or better or "Pass") of an intermediate algebra course or any transferable mathematics course (minimum of 3 semester units).
- Satisfactory completion (documented grade of "C" or better or "Pass" for both semesters) of a high school or adult school course in intermediate algebra, such as Algebra II or Integrated Math 3, or a high school or adult school course with similar or more advanced content and rigor. Qualifying high school or adult school courses completed outside of the United States may be accepted for establishing competency.
- Satisfactory completion (minimum of 3 semester units with a grade of "C" or better) of a transferable statistics or quantitative reasoning course in any discipline at or above the level of the course typically known as Intermediate Algebra (either Intermediate Algebra or another mathematics, statistics, or quantitative reasoning course at or above the same level, with the same rigor and with Elementary Algebra as a prerequisite, approved locally).

### *Additional Graduation Requirement*

#### **Ethnic Studies – Effective 2023-2024**

The Southwestern College Ethnic Studies requirement is met by satisfactory completion (grade of "C" or better or "Pass") of a transferable course in ethnic studies. If a Southwestern College course is approved to meet the California State University General Education (CSUGE), Area F or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), Area 7 requirement respectively, then the course is automatically approved to meet the Southwestern College Ethnic Studies requirement.

The Ethnic Studies Requirement may be taken as a major preparation course, General Education course, or an elective course.

#### **Approved courses are:**

- AFRO/HIST 111 (FA21),
- ASIA/HIST 113 (FA21),
- MAS/HIST 142 (FA21),
- MAS 100 (FA22),
- MAS 110 (FA22), or
- MAS/SOC 170 (FA21).

Approved Ethnic Studies courses have a @ footnote.

## RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

The student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 12 degree-applicable units to satisfy degree requirements at Southwestern College. Credits obtained through Credit for Prior Learning are not accepted for satisfying graduation residency requirements.