

Skyline College Curriculum Committee

Local Associate Degree Campus Forum

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Curriculum Committee Purpose

- **Standing sub-committee of the Skyline College Academic Senate**
- **The primary role of the Curriculum Committee is to review and approve new and modified curriculum** prior to their submission to the Board of Trustees for final approval.
- **Provides guidance and oversight** to ensure that all curriculum is sound, comprehensive, culturally relevant and responsive to the evolving needs and realities of students and the academic, business, and local communities.
- **Ensures that all curriculum is in compliance** with Title 5, the California Education Code, State Chancellor's Office rules, State legislation, and accreditation standards.

Guiding Principles ...

- **Doing what is in the best interest of students**
- Provide student choice
- Provide students with breadth of knowledge
- Limit unit accumulation
- Removing barriers to degree attainment
- Create access to degree attainment

LOCAL DEGREE CHANGES – FOUR CATEGORIES

Title V
Mandated
Changes

Title V
Optional
Change

Local
Decisions/
Changes

Pending

Note: The following changes do not apply to the ADT degrees

The Local Associate Degree

Parts of the local associate degree:

- Graduation Requirements
- General Education Requirements
- Major requirements

Title V Policies:

- **§ 55060.** Philosophy and Criteria for the Associate Degree and General Education.
- **§ 55061.** Associate Degree Course Requirements
- **§ 55062.** Conditions for Awarding the Associate Degree.

Title V Mandated Changes



General Education Requirement:

Students have two options:

- Local Associate Degree Requirements (25 units)
- Cal-GETC (34) units
 - California General Education Transfer Curriculum
 - New singular GE pattern for students transferring to a CSU or UC campus

Residency Requirement:

Updated requirement to reflect it is now a district requirement:

- **Old Language**
 - Complete 12 units in residence at Skyline College
- ***New Language!***
 - Complete 12 units in residency at any San Mateo County Community College District college.

Title V Mandated Changes



Accept coursework from Institutionally Accredited Colleges

- Currently – We only accept coursework from Regionally Accredited Colleges

Added advisory for Transfer Students

- Notice – some courses found on the local associate degree may be limited by transfer institutions

Local Changes - General

Updated local associate degree unit value

- Currently: 22.0 units
- Title V mandate: 21 units
- Proposed: 25.0 units
- 25.0 unit includes addition of:
 - Area 7 – 3.0 units
 - Science Lab – 1.0 unit

Aligned GE Titles and Area Numbers with Cal-GETC

- Previously Areas A – F; now 1 thru 7
- System-wide change

Local Changes – General Education



Add new Area 7 General Education Requirement

- **District decision**
- Area 7 Personal Development, Wellness, and Kinesiology Activity (3.0 units required. A minimum of 1 unit is required in 7A Kinesiology Activity)
- 7A Kinesiology Activity
- 7B Personal Development and Wellness
- Adds 3.0 units to General Education requirement

Allow placement of coursework that does not meet CSU GE unto our local GE pattern

- *Currently*, only courses that are CSU GE approved are approved for our local GE
 - Limited to 3.0 unit value courses
 - Must be CSU GE approved
- *New change* – Follow Title V guidance in selecting GE courses for our local GE pattern
- Formation of a GE Committee Workgroup – provide guidance

Local Changes – General Education



Allowing “C-” grades in English, Oral Communications, and Mathematics

- Current grade requirement: C or better
- California Community Colleges do not award grades of "C-"
- No Title V language on grade requirement for English, Oral Comm, Math
- C- grades awarded by CSUs, UCs, CA Private, and Out-Of-State colleges
 - CSUs and UCs allow C- grade to meet English and Math requirements for their GE requirements

Cal-GETC Note:

Requires grades of "C" or better for English, Comm, and Math

Local Changes – Graduation Requirement



Keep Information Literacy Graduation Requirement

Currently, requirement can be met by:

- Taking a Skyline College ENGL 100 or ENGL 105 class Fall 2011 and thereafter
- Completing an online Information Literacy Tutorial
- Completing an Information Literacy course/requirement outside of SMCCCD
- Not unit-bearing
- CSM has Information Literacy requirement; Canada College does not

Reading/Writing and Math Competency Requirements:

- Removed as a graduation requirement
- All students must complete English and mathematics as a General Education requirement.

Local Changes – Graduation Requirement



Substitutions for Kinesiology Activity for Students with Medical Waivers

- Must be certified by licensed physician
- Allow students to meet the 1.0 Kinesiology Activity Requirement (GE – Area 7A) by completing all 3.0 units required for Area 7 from 7B GE Area 7B Personal Development and Wellness

Removed PE Activity Graduation Requirement

- Integrated into GE – Area 7A Kinesiology Activity

Removed reference to Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement

- Ethnic Studies – now a GE requirement Area 6 Ethnic Studies

Local Changes – Graduation Requirement



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Veteran Students – Units for Basic Training

- Who have completed Basic Training and submit a Join Service Transcript
- Award 9 units
 - 6 units of elective credit
 - 3 units of credit towards Area 7 Personal Development, Wellness, and Kinesiology Activity

Title V Option Change – Graduation Requirement

Title V 55062 Conditions for Awarding the Associate Degree

“(4) Completion of the requirements for the associate degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in the degree-applicable courses. If units accumulated beyond those required for the degree lower a student's cumulative grade point average below 2.0, colleges may compute the grade point average based solely on those courses used to satisfy the degree requirements, provided that the coursework used to compute the grade point average fulfill all major/area of emphasis and general education requirements.”

Pending Changes Under Consideration

American History & Institutions

- Currently a Graduation Requirement
- Not Title V Mandates
- 3 part requirement:
 - U.S. History; U.S. Government; California State & Local Government
 - Can be completed by taking two courses (6.0 units)

Science Lab Requirement

- Currently a General Education requirement
- Not Title V Mandates
- Requires completion of a 1.0 unit lab course or completion of a science course with embedded lab

American History and Institutions (AHI)

- Unit-bearing requirement – 6.0 units
- AHI – not a Title V mandated requirement
 - Student's complete US History & US Government courses in HS
- May potentially increase Associate Degree unit value to 25.0 - 31.0 unless courses are "double-counted"
- CSUs require completion of AHI as a graduation requirement, not transfer
- UC's do not require AHI for transfer; can use high school courses to meet graduation requirement

Science Lab Requirement

- **Rationale for keeping Science Lab requirement**
 - Lab is a fundamental part of science
 - Without experimentation, you do not have science!
- **Rationale for *not* keeping Science Lab requirement**
 - Not Title V mandated; we are not required to add a lab course
 - Adds 1.0 units to the local associate degree; currently at 25 with the lab requirement
 - Not a consistent requirement throughout the district – Canada College has the requirement, CSM does not

Thank you!