

Degree Statement

Upon successful completion of the requirements for graduation, the College will award the appropriate Associate Degree.

Graduation Requirements for Associate Degrees

The student must indicate which year's catalog requirements they choose to satisfy when submitting the Application for Degree, Certificate, or Diploma. It is the responsibility of the student to apply for any degree, certificate or diploma they have earned.

Students qualify for graduation once the following requirements are met:

- Achieve a 2.0 cumulative GPA as an undergraduate student.
- Meet individual program requirements, including major GPA (if applicable).
- Fulfill residency requirements – at least 12 credit hours of course work completed at the College.
- Successfully complete the program pertaining to their degree.
- Submit Application for Graduation to the Admissions & Registration Office by the applicable deadline and pay the graduation fee.
- Meet financial obligations to the school.

NOTE: A single course cannot be used to satisfy more than one course requirement in a program.

General Requirements for Associate Degrees

Effective fall Semester 2003, several academic policy changes were implemented to ensure that students are adequately prepared to meet business and industry standards. All Undeclared or newly Declared Students enrolled in regularly scheduled postsecondary courses must be enrolled in or have completed EN 110 Freshman Composition general education requirement by the time they have enrolled in 12 credits of classes. They must also enroll in or have completed MA 110A Finite Mathematics (or higher) general education requirement by the time they have enrolled in 15 credits. This means that students may take only nine to eleven (9-11) credits before they must begin meeting the general education requirements. All declared students in Associate Degree programs are required to successfully complete minimum standardized general education

course requirements. For more information, refer to the Admissions Information and General Education Policy section of this catalog.

All candidates for an Associate Degree at the College must meet the general requirements listed above. Course requirements may identify prerequisites that must be completed with a passing grade. Prerequisite course credit is not counted as credit earned towards the program unless it is an Associate Degree core course requirement.

Second Certificate or Degree and Multiple Emphasis in Degree Programs

A second certificate and/or degree may be granted provided that a student completes all additional technical, related technical and general education requirements. Some programs of study offer more than one area of emphasis; a student may earn a degree, which includes more than one emphasis so long as the student completes the requirements before the degree is conferred.

General Education Requirements

Recognizing the necessity for students to succeed in the complex and rapidly changing workplace, Guam Community College offers a general education curriculum that introduces students to major areas of knowledge and methods of inquiry. All degree programs require an interdisciplinary general education component that promotes the development of intellectual skills that enable students to become effective learners and informed citizens. Critical thinking, the use of language and computation, appropriate social skills, global awareness and respect for diverse opinions are among the learning outcomes provided in the general education requirements of each program.

Guam Community College believes that general education provides the academic foundation necessary for students to achieve their life goals. General education is intended to offer students a breadth of quality student learning experiences, encourage their respect for cultural heritage, promote their ethical and responsible social behavior and facilitate their life-long learning.

The General Education program strives to foster student learning and skill development in civic engagement, critical thinking, understanding of the relationship between the individual and society, information literacy, oral communication, quantitative reasoning, and written communication.

Guam Community College believes that high quality general education opportunities for all citizens are necessary for democratic principles and practices to exist and for a sound economy to flourish. The College continually scrutinizes the general education curriculum in order to assure that all degrees and certificates granted by the College support this vision of general education and that it serves as a means to inspire hope, opportunity and responsibility in all its constituencies.

Requirements for General Education follow the options described below. Students declared prior to fall 2010 will follow the requirements indicated in the applicable catalog in which they first declared their major program at the College.

Notes on General Education requirements

Students are advised to check the requirements for their specific programs before taking General Education courses.

Courses chosen to meet the general education requirements may not be used to meet the technical requirements of a student's specific degree program.

The list contains courses with pre-requisites, so students should make their choices carefully and thoughtfully. Students may consult a counselor or an academic advisor for guidance in choosing any of the course options listed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Some programs require different levels of coursework to meet General Education requirements, please review the individual programs for more information.

General Education Requirements		
English Composition (3 Credits)		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
EN 110	Freshman Composition	3
EN 111	Writing for Research	
Mathematics (3-4 Credits)		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
MA 110A	Finite Mathematics	3
MA 161A	College Algebra & Trigonometry I	4
MA 161B	College Algebra & Trigonometry II	4
Natural & Physical Sciences (4-6 Credits)		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
SI 101/ 101L	Introduction to Chemistry (3) & Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory (1)	4
SI 103/ 103L	Introduction to Marine Biology (3) & Introduction to Marine Biology Laboratory (1)	4
SI 105/ 105L	Introduction to Physical Geology (3) & Introduction to Physical Geology Laboratory (1)	4
SI 110/ 110L	Environmental Biology (3) & Environmental Biology Laboratory (1)	4
SI 130A/B	Anatomy & Physiology I (3) Anatomy & Physiology II (3)	6
SI 141	Applied Physics I	4
Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 Credits)		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
SO 130	Introduction to Sociology	3

PY 120	General Psychology	
PY 125	Interpersonal Relations	
PY 100	Personal Adjustment	
HI 121	History of World Civilization I	
HI 122	History of World Civilization II	
Computer Literacy (3 Credits)		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
CS 151	Windows Applications	3
CS 152	Macintosh Applications	
Humanities and Fine Arts (3-4 Credits)		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
ASL 100	American Sign Language I	4
ASL 110	American Sign Language II	4
CH 110	Chamorro I	4
CH 111	Chamorro II	4
JA 110	Beginning Japanese I	4
JA 111	Beginning Japanese II	4
EN125	Introduction to Human Communication and Speech	3
EN 210	Introduction to Literature	3
HU 120	Pacific Cultures	3
HU 220	Guam Cultures & Legends	3
PI 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
VC 101	Introduction to Visual Communications	3
TH 101	Introduction to the Theater	3
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