

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AA/AS DEGREES

Merritt College 2004 – 2005

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: Complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable semester units with an **overall grade point average of 2.0 ("C")**. At least 12 of the 60 units must be completed at Merritt College.

GENERAL EDUCATION: Complete a minimum of 19 units, distributed in the areas below, with an **overall grade point average of 2.0 ("C")** and a **grade of "C" or better in Area 4a (English Composition) and Area 4b (Mathematics)**. Although a course may be listed in more than one Area, it may not be counted in more than one Area (except in Area 5, *Ethnic Studies*; see Note in Area 5).

MAJOR: Students must declare a major to earn an Associate Degree. Majors require a minimum of 18 units with a **grade of "C" or better in each course**. Unit requirements for majors vary within programs and instructional departments of the College (*consult the Merritt College catalog and/or see a counselor for more information*).

OUT-OF-DISTRICT OR OUT-OF-STATE COURSES: Will be evaluated individually to see if they fulfill Merritt College General Education requirements. For information about this process, students should contact the Counseling Department.

Legend: N=Needed IP=In Progress C=Completed N IP C

AREA ONE - NATURAL SCIENCES

One course, minimum of **three semester units**, from the following:

ANTHR: 1	LANHT: 1, 15*
ASTR: 1, 10	NUTR: 10 (formerly FACS 10; same as BIOL 31 @ COA and BIOL 28 @ Laney), 12 (formerly FACS 12)
BIOL: 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5*, 9, 10, 13, 15, 20A, 20B, 23, 24, 25, 29, 36	PHYS: 2A, 2B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 10
CHEM: 1A, 1B, 12A, 12B, 30A, 30B	PSYCH: 12 (same as PSYCH 12/BIOL 27 @ Laney and PSYCH 12/BIOL 27/HLTED 27 @ Vista)
GEOG: 1, 10	
GEOL: 1, 12	

*BIOL 5 same as LANHT 15; maximum credit: 1 course

AREA TWO - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

One course, minimum of **three semester units**, from the following:

AFRAM: 2, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14A, 14B, 16, 19*, 28+, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 45	GEOG: 2, 5, 10
ANTHR: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 16, 18, 30A-D	HLTED: 1
ASAME: 20, 21, 29, 30, 32, 45A, 45B	HIST: 2A, 2B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B, 14, 15, 19, 27, 30A, 30B, 32
BUS: 5, 10, 52	M/LAT: 6*, 12, 19 (HIST 17 @ COA, Laney, and Vista) 23, 28+, 30A, 30B
CHDEV: 50, 51 (formerly FACS 51), 53, 57A	POSCI: 1, 2, 3, 4, 15, 16, 20
COSER: 10, 45	PSYCH: 1A, 1B, 3, 6, 10, 12, 24, 33
ECON: 1^, 2, 10, 11^	SOC: 1, 2, 3, 5
EDUC: 1	SPCH: 6, 10
ENVST: 11, 76A-D#, 78A-H#	

*AFRAM 19 same as M/LAT 6; maximum credit: one course

+AFRAM 28 same as M/LAT 28; maximum credit: one course

^ECON 1 & ECON 11; maximum credit: one course

#ENVST 76A-D or 78A-H must be taken for a minimum of 3 units to satisfy Area 2

AREA THREE - HUMANITIES

One course, minimum of **three semester units**, from the following:

AFRAM: 21, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 28*, 41, 42, 43, 45	FREN: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 30A, 30B
ANTHR: 7, 8	HUMAN: 2
ART: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15	M/LAT: 28*, 30A, 30B
ASAME: 1, 30	MUSIC: 1A, 9, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, 13A, 13B
CHIN: 1, 2	PHIL: 1, 2, 10, 20A, 20B, 30
ENGL: 1B, 10A, 10B, 17A, 17B, 26, 30A, 30B, 32A, 32B, 38, 40, 43, 44A, 44B, 46A, 46B, 210A, 210B, 217A, 217B, 230A, 230B, 232A, 232B, 243, 244A, 244B	SPAN: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 22A, 22B, 30A, 30B, 31A, 31B, 38, 40
	SWAHI: 1A, 1B

*AFRAM 28 same as M/LAT 28; maximum credit: one course

AREA FOUR - LANGUAGE AND RATIONALITY

One course in each sub-area (a, b, c, and d):

a. **English Composition:** One course, minimum of **three semester units** and a grade of **“C” or better**, from:

ENGL: 1A, 1B, 5, 201A, 201B, 203A, 203B **ESL:** 21A, 21B

b. **Mathematics:** May be met by **one of two options** listed below:

Option 1: One course, minimum of **three semester units** and a grade of **“C” or better**, from:

MATH: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D (same as 3E-F at COA, Laney & Vista), 13, 15, 16A, 16B, 50, 201, 202, 203

Option 2: Credit by Examination of Math 201. Students must earn a grade of **“C” or better** on the exam to earn 4 units of credit toward the degree requirement. **The exam can be taken only once** and is offered by the Math Department each semester during finals week. The Credit By Exam Form (available at Admissions & Records) will be used to record exam grades on the student’s transcript.

c. **Computer Literacy:** One course, minimum of **one semester unit**, from the following:

BUS: 24, 29A

LRNRE: 211A, 211B

CIS: All courses with a minimum value of one unit and numbered 1 through 248, except 211 (Laney)

d. **Oral or Written Communication, or Literature:** One course, minimum of **three semester units**, from:

AFRAM: 41, 42, 43

ESL: 21A, 21B

ENGL: 1 through 247 (except 48s, 49s,
202, 205, 206A, 206B, and 208)

SPCH: 4, 6, 10, 15A, 15B, 20, 45, 46A-C (must take
A-C & earn 3 units to satisfy Area 4d)

AREA FIVE - ETHNIC STUDIES

One course, minimum of **three semester units**, from the following:

AFRAM: 2, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14A, 14B,
16, 19*, 21, 22A, 22B, 22C,
22D, 28+, 30, 31, 32, 33,
41, 42, 43, 45

ART: 10, 15

ASAME: 20, 21, 30, 32, 45A, 45B

ENVST: 76A-D#, 78A-H#

M/LAT: 6*, 12, 19 (same as HIST 17 @ COA,
Laney, and Vista), 23, 28+, 30A

ANTHR: 5

*AFRAM 19 same as M/LAT 6; maximum credit: one course.

+AFRAM 28 same as M/LAT 28; maximum credit: one course.

#ENVST 76A-D or 78A-H must be taken for a minimum of 3 units to satisfy Area 5

Note: Any course listed in Area 5 that is also listed in another area may be used to satisfy both areas. **However, the units may only be counted once.**