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GRADUATION & DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

CATALOG RIGHTS
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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree will be awarded to any student in good standing upon satisfactory completion of all of the following seven requirements:

1. **Units** - The Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree and the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree require a minimum of 60 lower division units to include all the requirements indicated below and any additional elective units needed to satisfy the 60 unit minimum. Courses numbered 0-99 are not applicable to the associate degree.

2. **Major Requirement** - At least 18 units of study must be taken in a single discipline or related disciplines as indicated in the College of Marin Catalog. See the list of approved majors following this section.

3. **Scholarship** - An overall grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.0 (“C” average) in all degree-applicable courses (numbered 100 and above) taken at College of Marin and in all acceptable lower division courses transferred from other colleges. The student must be in good standing at the College.

4. **Residence** – Successfully complete at least 12 units in the major requirements at the College of Marin.

5. **Mathematics Proficiency** - One of the following options:
   (a) A satisfactory score on the Math Assessment Test, i.e. eligibility for Intermediate Algebra (Math 103) or
   (b) Completion of Elementary Algebra (Math 101 or Math 101A plus 101B or Math 101X plus 101Y) with a grade of “C” or higher.

6. **General Education** - A minimum of 19 units of general education is required for the A.A. or A.S. degree. See general education categories and course listings below.

7. **Application for Graduation** - It is the student’s responsibility to submit an “Application for Graduation” by making an appointment with a counselor in the Counseling Department. All official transcripts from other colleges must be available in the Counseling Office by the application deadline date. All petitions and waivers must be attached to the application form by the deadline date. (See “The Schedule” or the College catalog for those dates.)

Awarding a Degree or Certificate of Achievement
Upon completion of all degree or certificate requirements as specified in this catalog, a student may qualify for more than one degree or certificate, provided that 12 of the required units for the major are not applied toward any other major and are completed at the College of Marin.

A student who receives a Certificate of Achievement may subsequently complete requirements and earn a degree in the same discipline, since the degree represents a higher level of accomplishment. A Certificate of Achievement in the same discipline will not be granted after receipt of a degree in the same discipline. A student, who at the time of applying is eligible for a degree, will not be issued a certificate. Degrees and certificates are not awarded retroactively.

GENERAL EDUCATION

General Education Philosophy
Every College of Marin graduate will have a broad education introducing the student to knowledge and the means through which human beings understand their world. General education courses foster this understanding by developing the student’s ability to think and by stressing the interdependency of cultures and disciplines. The courses facilitate analysis, criticism, and synthesis, and require extensive reading, speaking, and writing. They emphasize participation and encourage the student to experiment with modern technology. General education courses are designed to broaden the student’s view of self, society, and the world, and to prepare the student to be an active, ethical participant in life.

Courses in general education will provide the student with the opportunity to:

1. Read, write, and speak competently.
2. Perform proficiently in mathematics, analytical thinking, and abstract logical thinking.
3. Acquire a general background in the major areas of knowledge: humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and natural sciences.

4. Promote an understanding of the diversity and similarity of all groups that comprise contemporary American society.

5. Understand the democratic process.

6. Value physical well being through participation in physical exercise and health education.

7. Develop an awareness of the interrelationship of all living things with their environment and the urgency of directing energies and knowledge to protect the world.

General Education Courses
One course from each category required for graduation (19 units minimum).

A. Natural Sciences
Select one course from the following. (Three units minimum.)
- Anthropology 101, 101L
- Astronomy 101, 105, 117F, 117L
- Chemistry 105, 105L, 110, 114, 131
- Geography 101, 101L, 109, 112
- Geology 103, 105, 109, 110, 114, 120, 120L, 121
- Physical Education 107
- Physics 108A, 110, 207A

NOTES
1. Geography 109 may be used to satisfy Category A or Category B, but not both.
2. Natural Science credit is awarded for only one course in each of the following groups:
   - Astronomy 105, Biology 105, Geology 105
   - Astronomy 117F, Astronomy 117L
   - Biology 107, Physical Education 107
   - Biology 160, Environmental Landscaping 160

B. Social and Behavioral Sciences
Select one course from the following. (Three units minimum.)
- Anthropology 102, 103, 110, 204, 215
- Behavioral Science 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108
- Biology 145
- Chinese 101, 102
- Communications 108 (three units), 109A, 109B, 110, 160
- Dance 108
- Drama 110, 116, 117, 119
- Ethnic Studies 108, 154
- Geology 145
- Italian 101, 102, 108 (three units), 203, 204, 225, 226
- Japanese 101, 102, 108 (three units), 203, 204
- Journalism 110, 160
- Music 101, 102, 105, 106
- Philosophy 110, 111, 117
- Speech 128, 140, 141

NOTES
1. The following courses may be used to satisfy Category B or Category F, but not both:
   - Ethnic Studies 111, 112, 151
   - History 100, 117, 118
   - Political Science 100, 101

2. Geography 109 may be used to satisfy Category A or Category B, but not both.

3. Psychology 205 and Sociology 205 may be used to satisfy Category B or Category E, but not both.

4. Social and Behavioral Science credit is awarded for only one course in each of the following groups:
   - Behavioral Science 201, Economics 201, Political Science 201
   - Biology 251, Psychology 251
   - Health Education 142, Psychology 142
   - Psychology 111, Psychology 116
   - Psychology 112, Psychology 114
   - Psychology 140, Sociology 140
   - Psychology 205, Sociology 205
   - Psychology 230, Sociology 230

C. Humanities
Select one course from the following. (Three units minimum.)
- American Sign Language 101, 102, 110, 203, 204
- Architecture 100, 101, 102, 131
- Art 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108
- Biology 145
- Chinese 101, 102
- Communications 108 (three units), 109A, 109B, 110, 160
- Dance 108
- Drama 110, 116, 117, 119
- Ethnic Studies 108, 154
- Geology 145
- Italian 101, 102, 108 (three units), 203, 204, 225, 226
- Japanese 101, 102, 108 (three units), 203, 204
- Journalism 110, 160
- Music 101, 102, 105, 106
- Philosophy 110, 111, 117
- Speech 128, 140, 141
NOTES
1. English 151 may be used to satisfy Category C or Category E, but not both.
2. Humanities credit is awarded for only one course in each of the following groups:
   - Art 108, Ethnic Studies 108, Humanities 108
   - Biology 145, Geology 145
   - Communications 109A, Humanities 109A
   - Communications 109B, Humanities 109B
   - Communications 110, Journalism 110
   - Communications 160, Journalism 160
   - English 242, Humanities 242
3. Speech 128 may be used to satisfy Category C or Category E, but not both.
4. Ethnic Studies 154 may be used to satisfy Category C or B, but not both.

D. Composition, Written
Select one course from the following. (Three units minimum.)
English 120 or 120SL; or English 150 with a grade of “C” or higher

NOTES
1. English 150 is the first level course in college freshman English that is transferable to the University of California and the California State University. English 120SL transfers as an elective to the University of California and California State University. English 120 transfers as an elective to the California State University.
2. The major determines the English course required for the Associate degree. (See majors for A.A. and A.S. degrees.) If English 150 is not specifically mentioned for the major, then English 120, 120SL or 150 will satisfy the requirement.

E. Communication and Analytical Thinking
Select one course from the following. (Three units minimum.)
Computer Information Systems 215
Computer Science 130, 135, 136, 140, 200, 230, 232
English 130, 151, 155
Mathematics 103, 103A and B, 103X and Y, 104, 104X and Y, 105, 109, 110, 114, 115, 116, 121, 123, 124, 190
Philosophy 112
Psychology 205
Sociology 205
Speech 110, 120, 122, 128, 130, 132
Statistics 115

NOTES
1. English 151 may be used to satisfy Category C or Category E, but not both.
2. Psychology 205 and Sociology 205 may be used to satisfy Category B or Category E, but not both. Credit is awarded for only one course.
3. Speech 128 may be used to satisfy Category C or Category E, but not both.

F. American Institutions
Select one course from the following. (Three units minimum.)
Ethnic Studies 111, 112, 121, 151
History 100, 117, 118
Political Science 100, 101

NOTE
1. All courses listed in Category F may be used to satisfy Category B or Category F, but not both.

G. Cross-Cultural Studies
Select one course from the following. (Three units minimum.)
Cross-cultural studies courses, which are listed in other general education categories, will satisfy both the Cross-Cultural Studies Requirement and the requirement of one other category.
American Sign Language 110
Anthropology 204, 215
Art 108
Communications 160
English 235, 237
Ethnic Studies 108, 110, 111, 112, 121, 151, 154
History 109
Humanities 108
Journalism 160
Music 105
Psychology 120
Speech 128

H. Physical Activity
(One unit minimum.)
This requirement may be satisfied by degree-applicable activity courses in physical education or dance.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE
PROGRAMS-ASSOCIATE IN ARTS AND ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE
The College of Marin offers a variety of associate degree programs. The “Major” is required for either the A.A. or A.S. degree and is comprised of a concentration of courses (a minimum of 18 units). Students receiving an associate degree must complete a major as described under each discipline in Section Six of the catalog. Depending upon the goal, the attainment of the Associate degree may fulfill all of the student’s educational needs.

The associate degree in transfer majors is designed as a college/university parallel program for the first two years of a four-year Bachelor’s program. The purpose of the transfer program is to prepare students for junior standing at a college or university that grants a bachelor’s degree (B.A., B.S.). The transfer major contains general and introductory or basic courses, which will
be followed by advanced courses at the upper division level. Students who wish to follow a transfer pattern should carefully examine the requirements of the receiving institution.

The Associate in Science occupational degree programs, which require a minimum of 60 units, provide instruction in the skills and knowledge needed to enter or progress in an occupation. These programs are developed through the cooperation of advisory committees composed of representatives from specific occupational areas and the College. These advisory committees review course content and make recommendations to assure that the instruction and curriculum provide current skills.

**INTERDISCIPLINARY DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The following is a list of interdisciplinary majors at College of Marin that require a minimum of 18 degree-applicable units to which, in addition to other graduation requirements, only the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree is granted.

Please note that for 2008-2009, the following interdisciplinary degrees were removed from the Catalog.

- Liberal Arts and Sciences, General (A.A.)
- Modern Languages (A.A.)
- Natural Science (A.A.)
- Physical Science (A.S.)
- University Transfer (A.A.)

We are working with the faculty to bring several of our interdisciplinary associate degrees into compliance with recent changes to Title 5 regulations and will reinstate approved degrees in the 2008-2009 catalog.

**International Studies (A.A.)**

(a) Prerequisites for the degree:
- English 150;
- Math 115.

(b) Completion of the following:
- Behavioral Science 201 or Economics 201 or Political Science 201;
- Economics 101;
- Geography 102;
- Political Science 104;
- Speech 128.

(c) In addition, complete ten units in modern languages (Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Spanish)

(d) Six units from the following electives:
- Anthropology 102, 103
- Art 102, 104
- Art 108 or Ethnic Studies 108 or Humanities 108
- Biology 138
- Dance 108
- History 101 206, 214, 216, 238
- Humanities 114, 125
- Italian 203, 204, 225, 226
- French 203, 204, 225, 226
- Spanish 203, 204, 225, 226
- Political Science 102, 220

**Note:** Student can also test out of the modern languages requirement.

**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS**

A Certificate of Achievement is attainable in occupational programs. The certificate is widely recognized by employers as verification of job preparedness. Certificates of Achievement prepare students to enter the careers designated on their certificates. These programs generally require a year or more of study and include at least 18 units. At least 12 of the units must be taken at College of Marin.

It is the student’s responsibility to submit an “Application for a Certificate of Achievement” by making an appointment with the Counseling Department.

Certificate of Achievement programs and requirements are listed under each discipline in Section Six of the catalog.

**Granting of Additional Certificates of Achievement**

Upon completion of all Certificates of Achievement requirements as specified in this catalog, a student may qualify for more than one certificate provided that 12 of the required units for a certificate are not applied toward any other certificate.

**Basic Skills Courses**

Courses numbered below 100 are nondegree applicable but may be used for a Certificate of Achievement when listed as a major requirement. Basic skills courses under 100 do not apply toward the 60 units required for graduation, even though they may be listed as part of a vocational program.

**Skills Certificates**

Skills certificates may be part of a “ladder” of skills, beginning with job entry skills and leading to a full Certificate of Achievement or may constitute a skill set that enables students to upgrade or advance in an existing career. These programs are shorter in duration and narrower in scope than the Certificates of Achievement and consist of fewer than 18 units.

Generally all required courses must be completed at the College of Marin. The appropriate Department Chair must approve transfer work. All work must be completed within two years.

Skills certificates and requirements are listed under each discipline in Section Six.
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OUR PHILOSOPHY IS “STUDENTS FIRST!”

KAY RYAN
Basic Skills Professor, Poet Laureate

Post Laureate Kay Ryan has taught basic English skills at College of Marin for more than 30 years. Ryan’s students are often serious, hardworking people in their late twenties or early thirties intent on improving the quality of their lives through learning. Without strong English writing and reading skills, well paying jobs and promotions elude them.

W. ALLEN TAYLOR
Drama Professor, Award Winning Playwright and Actor

“Teach from the heart and the head will follow,” says W. Allen Taylor, an award winning playwright, director and actor who brings his 29 yearlong award winning acting career to the classroom and the stage at College of Marin. When Taylor is not teaching, he is often acting and directing works throughout the country. Taylor has performed on network television and in regional theaters around the country.

KAZUKO SHIOTA
Japanese Professor

College of Marin students who study Japanese with Kazuko K. Shiota learn more than words, intonation and grammar. Learning Japanese is about learning the culture from which the language springs. Shiota says, “Language is culture.” It is one way Americans can begin to understand the Japanese perspective and diverse ways of the people.

JAMIE TIPTON
English Professor, Author

The best part of teaching, according to College of Marin English Professor Jamie Tipton, is constantly dealing with a subject that inspires and having the opportunity to share that inspiration. Tipton is the author of numerous works. His most recent historic novel, Annette Vallon (Harper/Collins, 2008), landed on the San Francisco Chronicle’s top ten best seller list of Bay Area books.

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