

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Associate Degree Requirements

Coastline College awards the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The requirements for these majors are listed below. (Students interested in an Associate Degree for Transfer should refer to the Transfer Information section.) These degrees are designed to provide students with the necessary skills to compete successfully in a culturally diverse and global job market. Among these are the ability to think and to communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing; to use mathematics; to understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines; to be aware of other cultures and times; to achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems; and to develop the capacity for self-understanding. In addition to these accomplishments, the student shall possess sufficient depth in a field of knowledge to contribute to lifetime interest.

In accordance with law and with rules and regulations of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Board of Trustees of the Coast Community College District, the requirements for the degree of Associate in Arts or Associate in Science include the following:

1. Unit Requirement

Complete at least 60 units of acceptable college work with a minimum of 12 units completed in residence within Coast Colleges (Coastline College, Golden West College and/or Orange Coast College). Earn an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher from all colleges attended and a 2.0 or higher grade point average at Coastline.

Students must be in good academic standing (not on probation and/or disqualification) during the semester graduation is petitioned.

2. Program of Study

Complete the required courses in one of the programs as detailed in the Academic/Career/Certificate Programs section of this catalog.

A summary of current programs can be found on the Programs A-Z (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/coastline/programs/>) pages. All coursework must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

3. General Education

Complete one of the three General Education options below:

- a. Option 1—Coastline General Education: designed for students pursuing an Associate degree and who may or may not be planning to transfer to a four-year university. The degree is transferable to many colleges and universities.
- b. Option 2—CSU GE Breadth: designed for students who are planning to transfer to a university in the CSU system. It may also be appropriate for transfer to some independent colleges and universities.
- c. Option 3—IGETC: designed for students who are planning to transfer to a university in the CSU or UC system. It also may be appropriate for transfer to some independent colleges and universities.

4. Global and Multicultural Studies Requirement¹

Complete at least 2.5 units from the Global and Multicultural Studies Courses. View Global and Multicultural Studies course list (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/coastline/graduation-requirements/#globalandmulticulturalstudiestext>). This requirement may double count with a course completed as a part of a student's Program of Study or General Education.

¹ This requirement is waived for students completing an Associate Degree for Transfer (see Transfer Information for ADT degree).