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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL AA/AS DEGREES

Merritt College

2026 - 2027

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.

LOCAL DEGREE GENERAL EDUCATION: Complete a minimum of 21 units from the areas below with an overall grade point average of 2.0 ("C") and a grade of "C" or better in Area 1A (English Composition) and Area 2 (Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning). *Although a course may be listed in more than one area, it can be counted in only one area.* Upper division courses from an institutionally or regionally accredited institution may be used to satisfy area and unit requirements. Students with a Bachelor's Degree from an institutionally or regionally accredited institution have fulfilled the GE course requirements for the Associate Degree. Also, completion of a lower division GE pattern for transfer to either the University of California or the California State University fulfills the local GE requirements. **NOTE:** GE requirements for Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) may be different. *See a counselor for more information.*

MAJOR: Students must declare a major for 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 by program (*see the Merritt catalog and/or a counselor for more information*).

OUT-OF-DISTRICT OR OUT-OF-STATE COURSES: These courses are evaluated individually to see if they fulfill Merritt College General Education requirements. The Peralta District will accept courses with a minimum of 4 quarter units to satisfy an area that requires a minimum of 3 semester units. *See a counselor for more information.*

NOTE: Courses with an (*) are listed in more than one area but cannot be counted in more than one area.

Legend: N=Needed IP=In Progress C=Completed	N	IP	C
AREA 1 - ENGLISH COMPOSITION, ORAL COMMUNICATION, AND CRITICAL THINKING (minimum of 6 semester/8 quarter units). One course from each of these two areas:			
Group A - English Composition: One course, minimum of 3 semester units with a grade of "C" or better, from: ENGL: CI000, CI000E, CI001*, CI002	1A		
Group B - Oral Communication and Critical Thinking: One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from: COMM: 3, 4, 6, 10, CI000, CI004 ENGL: CI001* PHIL: 10	1B		
AREA 2 - MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING Requirement may be fulfilled by one of two options:			
Option 1: One course, minimum of three semester units with a grade of "C" or better, from: BIOSC: 105 CIS: 11, 98 MATH: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3E, 3F, 11, 15, 16A, 50, 202, 203 STAT: CI000			
Option 2: Credit by Examination of Math 203. Requires a grade of "C" or better on the exam to earn 4 units of credit. The exam may be taken only once and is offered by the MATH Department. The Credit by Exam form (available at Admissions & Records) will be used to record exam grades on the student's transcript. Contact the MATH Department Chair(s) and/or a counselor for more information.			
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AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:			
AFRAM: 18 ^{2*} , 25*, 30 ^{1*} , 31 ^{1*} , 32 ^{1*} , 33 ^{1*} , 39, 41*, 42*, 43*, 45*, 52*	HIST: CI001, CI002		
ANTHR: 7*	HUMAN: 2		
ART: 1, 4, 7*	M/LAT: 17B*, 30A ^{1*} , 32 ^{2*}		
ASAME: 30*	MUSIC: 9, 10, 11*, 15A*, 15B*, 19		
ENGL: CI002*, 10A, 10B	PHIL: 1, 2		
ENVMT: 5*	SPAN: 1A, 1B		
¹ Might not satisfy this area if taken at another PCCD College. <i>See a counselor for more information.</i>			
² AFRAM 18 same as M/LAT 32; maximum credit: 1 course			
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AREA 4 - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES				
One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:				
ADJUS: 21, 22, 25, 63	ECON: C2001, C2002			
AFRAM: 2*, 3, 4*, 5*, 8*, 10*, 11*, 12*, 14A*, 14B*, 16*, 18 ^{4*} , 19 ^{1*} , 23*, 25*, 30*, 31*, 32*, 33*, 38 ^{3*} , 45*, 52*	ENVMT: 2, 3, 5*, 12 ^{3*}			
ANTHR: 2, 3, 5*, 7*, 16	HIST: C1001, C1002			
ASAME: 19 ^{1*} , 30 ^{5*}	HLTED: 1			
BUS: 5, 52	LANHT: 33B			
CHDEV: 50, 51, 53, 56A, 80*	M/LAT: 6 ^{1*} , 12*, 17B*, 32 ^{4*}			
COMM: 6*, 10*, 19*	NATAM: 19 ^{1*} , 76E ²			
COSER: 10, 22, 29*	POLS: C1000			
COUN: 30	PSYC: C1000			
	PSYCH: 6, 10, 12, 21, 24, 28			
	SOC: 1, 2, 3, 5*, 13, 45, 120			
¹ AFRAM 19 same as ASAME 19, M/LAT 6, & NATAM 19; credit: 1 course				
² NATAM 76E 1.5 units; need 3 units to clear this area				
³ AFRAM 38 same as ENVMT 12; credit: 1 course				
⁴ AFRAM 18 same as M/LAT 32; credit: 1 course				
⁵ Might not satisfy this area if taken at another PCCD College. <i>See a counselor for more information.</i>		4		
AREA 5 - NATURAL SCIENCES				
One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:				
ANTHR: 1				
ASTR: 1, 10				
BIOL: 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 15, 20A, 20B, 23, 24, 29, 42				
BIOSC: 50, 53				
CHEM: 1A, 1B, 12A, 12B, 30A, 30B				
ENVMT: 101				
GEOG: 1				
GEOL: 1				
LANHT: 1, 1E				
PHYS: 2A, 2B, 4A, 4B, 4C, 10				
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Area 6 - ETHNIC STUDIES				
One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:				
AFRAM: 2*, 4*, 5*, 8*, 10*, 11*, 12*, 14A*, 14B*, 16*, 19 ^{1,2*} , 23*, 30 ^{2*} , 31 ^{2*} , 32*, 33*, 38 ^{4*} , 39, 41*, 42*, 43*, 45*, 52*	COMM: 6*			
ANTHR: 5*	COSER: 29*			
ART: 7*	ENVMT: 12 ^{4*} (formerly ENVST 38)			
ASAME: 19 ^{1,2*} , 30*	M/LAT: 6 ^{1,2*} , 12*, 17B*, 30A*			
CHDEV: 80*	MUSIC: 11*, 15A*, 15B*			
	NATAM: 19 ^{1,2*} , 76E ³			
	SOC: 5*			
¹ AFRAM 19 same as ASAME 19, M/LAT 6, & NATAM 19; credit: 1 course				
² Course also approved for Merritt's Cal-GETC Area 6				
³ NATAM 76E 1.5 units; need 3 units to clear this area				
⁴ AFRAM 38 same as ENVMT 12; credit: 1 course				
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