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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 |
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| <b>AREA 1 - ENGLISH COMPOSITION, ORAL COMMUNICATION, AND CRITICAL THINKING</b><br>(minimum of 6 semester/8 quarter units). One course from each of these two areas:  |    |    |   |
| <b>Group A - English Composition:</b> One course, minimum of 3 semester units with a grade of "C" or better, from:<br>ENGL: CI000, CI000E, CI001*, CI002   | 1A |    |   |
| <b>Group B - Oral Communication and Critical Thinking:</b> One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:<br>COMM: 3, 4, 6, 10, CI000, CI004      ENGL: CI001*      PHIL: 10   | 1B |    |   |
| <b>AREA 2 - MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING</b><br>Requirement may be fulfilled by one of two options:<br><b>Option 1:</b> One course, minimum of three semester units with a grade of "C" or better, from:<br>BIOSC: 105                                  CIS: 11, 98<br>MATH: 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3E, 3F, 11, 15, 16A, 50, 202, 203      STAT: CI000<br><b>Option 2:</b> 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. | 2  |    |   |
| <b>AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES</b> One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:<br>AFRAM: 18 <sup>2*</sup> , 25*, 30 <sup>1*</sup> , 31 <sup>1*</sup> , 32 <sup>1*</sup> , 33 <sup>1*</sup> , 39, 41*, 42*, 43*, 45*, 52*      HIST: CI001, CI002<br>ANTHR: 7*                                  HUMAN: 2<br>ART: 1, 4, 7*                                  M/LAT: 17B*, 30A <sup>1*</sup> , 32 <sup>2*</sup><br>ASAME: 30*                                  MUSIC: 9, 10, 11*, 15A*, 15B*, 19<br>ENGL: CI002*, 10A, 10B                  PHIL: 1, 2<br>ENVMT: 5*                                  SPAN: 1A, 1B  |    |    |   |
| <sup>1</sup> Might not satisfy this area if taken at another PCCD College. <i>See a counselor for more information.</i><br><sup>2</sup> AFRAM 18 same as M/LAT 32; maximum credit: 1 course  | 3  |    |   |

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| <b>AREA 4 - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES</b>  |  |   |    |   |
| 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*,<br>14B*, 16*, 18 <sup>4*</sup> , 19 <sup>1*</sup> , 23*, 25*, 30*, 31*, 32*, 33*,<br>38 <sup>3*</sup> , 45*, 52*                       | ENVMT: 2, 3, 5*, 12 <sup>3*</sup><br>HIST: C1001, C1002<br>HLTED: 1<br>LANHT: 33B<br>M/LAT: 6 <sup>1*</sup> , 12*, 17B*, 32 <sup>4*</sup><br>NATAM: 19 <sup>1*</sup> , 76E <sup>2</sup><br>POLS: C1000<br>PSYC: C1000<br>PSYCH: 6, 10, 12, 24, 28<br>SOC: 1, 2, 3, 5*, 13, 45, 120 |   |    |   |
| ANTHR: 2, 3, 5*, 7*, 16   |  |   |    |   |
| ASAME: 19 <sup>1*</sup> , 30 <sup>5*</sup>  |  |   |    |   |
| BUS: 5, 52  |  |   |    |   |
| CHDEV: 50, 51, 53, 56A, 80*   |  |   |    |   |
| COMM: 6*, 10*, 19*  |  |   |    |   |
| COSER: 10, 22, 29*  |  |   |    |   |
| COUN: 30  |  |   |    |   |
| <sup>1</sup> AFRAM 19 same as ASAME 19, M/LAT 6, & NATAM 19; credit: 1 course   |  |   |    |   |
| <sup>2</sup> NATAM 76E 1.5 units; need 3 units to clear this area   |  |   |    |   |
| <sup>3</sup> AFRAM 38 same as ENVMT 12; credit: 1 course  |  |   |    |   |
| <sup>4</sup> AFRAM 18 same as M/LAT 32; credit: 1 course  |  |   |    |   |
| <sup>5</sup> Might not satisfy this area if taken at another PCCD College. <i>See a counselor for more information.</i>   |  | 4 |    |   |
| <b>AREA 5 - NATURAL SCIENCES</b>  |  |   |    |   |
| 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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| <b>Area 6 - ETHNIC STUDIES</b>  |  |   |    |   |
| One course, minimum of 3 semester units, from:  |  |   |    |   |
| AFRAM: 2*, 4*, 5*, 8*, 10*, 11*, 12*, 14A*,<br>14B*, 16*, 19 <sup>1,2*</sup> , 23*, 30 <sup>2*</sup> , 31 <sup>2*</sup> , 32*,<br>33*, 38 <sup>4*</sup> , 39, 41*, 42*, 43*, 45*, 52* | COMM: 6*<br>COSER: 29*<br>ENVMT: 12 <sup>4*</sup> (formerly ENVST 38)<br>M/LAT: 6 <sup>1,2*</sup> , 12*, 17B*, 30A*<br>MUSIC: 11*, 15A*, 15B*<br>NATAM: 19 <sup>1,2*</sup> , 76E <sup>3</sup><br>SOC: 5*   |   |    |   |
| ANTHR: 5*   |  |   |    |   |
| ART: 7*   |  |   |    |   |
| ASAME: 19 <sup>1,2*</sup> , 30*   |  |   |    |   |
| CHDEV: 80*  |  |   |    |   |
| <sup>1</sup> AFRAM 19 same as ASAME 19, M/LAT 6, & NATAM 19; credit: 1 course   |  |   |    |   |
| <sup>2</sup> Course also approved for Merritt's Cal-GETC Area 6   |  |   |    |   |
| <sup>3</sup> NATAM 76E 1.5 units; need 3 units to clear this area   |  |   |    |   |
| <sup>4</sup> AFRAM 38 same as ENVMT 12; credit: 1 course  |  |   |    |   |
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