

Associate Degree Requirements

Three Pathways To The Associate Degree

1. **Transfer Option:**
for students planning to transfer to a California State University or University of California campus
2. **Occupational/Vocational Option:**
for students planning to complete an occupational/vocational degree at Pierce College
3. **General Studies Option:**
for students planning to complete a degree at Pierce College but who do not intend to transfer to a California public university or complete an occupational/vocational degree

All Three Have The Following Common Requirements

1. **Unit Requirement:**
A minimum of 60 units in degree applicable courses.
2. **General Education Requirement:**
The general education requirement is satisfied within the design of each option plan.
3. **Major Requirement:**
The major requirement is satisfied within the design of each option plan.
4. **Scholarship Requirement:**
A minimum C (2.0) cumulative grade point average in all courses used toward the degree.
5. **Residency Requirement:**
A minimum of 12 of the units used toward the degree must be completed in residence at Pierce College.
6. **Competency Requirement:**
You must demonstrate competence in reading, written expression and mathematics.
 - Completion of one of the following courses with a grade of C or better meets the reading and written expression requirement:
 - English 28 or 101
 - Journalism 101
 - Competency may be met through credit-by-examination. Please see a counselor for details.
 - Completion of one of the following courses with a grade of C or better meets the math competency requirement:
 - Math 115, 146
 - Any Math or Statistics course with a prerequisite of Math 115 or higher
 - Electronics 10, 12
 - Competency may also be met by achieving a satisfactory score on the Math Competency Exam
7. **Procedure for receiving the degree:**
You must file a petition for the degree in the Graduation Office. Please check the Schedule of Classes for deadlines. If you have completed coursework at other schools that you believe meets some of your degree requirements, you may petition for course substitution. Petitions are available in the Graduation Office. Please consult a counselor for guidance.

**Students should choose one of the three options outlined on the following pages.
Which option should you choose? It depends on your academic and career goals.
Meet with a counselor to determine which plan best meets your needs.**

Option 3: General Studies (Formerly Plan A)

Students planning to earn an Associate Degree but who do not intend to transfer or complete an occupational/vocational degree must complete the following coursework.

Unit Requirement: 60 degree applicable units

Major Requirements: These requirements are listed in the Educational Programs section of this catalog.

Electives: If your program of general education and major requirements does not total 60 units, select any additional degree applicable courses to meet the unit requirement.

General Education Requirements: Students must complete 30 units from the following Option 3, General Education requirements:

Section A: Natural Science - Select 3 units from the following:

Anatomy 1	Geog 1, 3, 15
Anml Sc 511	Geol 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 11, 17, 22ABCD
Anthro 101, 111	Meteor 3
Astron 1, 2, 3	Micro 1, 20
Biology 3, 6, 7, 10, 11ABC, 12ABC, 18ABC, 39, 40, 46	Oceano 1, 2, 10, 12, 14
Chem 51, 60, 101, 102, 211, 212, 221	Phy Sci 1, 4, 14
Electron 2, 4A, 6A	Physics 6, 7, 12, 66, 67, 101, 102, 103
Env Sci 1, 2, 7	Physiol 1, 8, 9
	Plnt Sc 103, 711, 901, 910, 940, 950
	Psych 2, 73

Section B: Social and Behavioral Sciences - 9 units

- Select 3 units from the following courses:
History 11, 12, 13, 14, 41, 42, 43, 44, 52
Pol Sci 1, 19, 30
- Select 3 units from the following courses:

Administ 15	Env. Sci. 17	Plnt Sc 110
Administration of Justice 1, 2, 4, 67	Geog 2, 7, 14, 21, 22, 31	Pol Sci 1, 2, 7, 14, 19, 30
Anthro 102, 105, 106, 109, 132, 141	History 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 27, 30, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 52, 86, 87	Psych 1, 3, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 32, 40, 41, 52, 66
Bus 1, 5	Journal 100	Soc 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 11, 13, 28, 29
Child Dev 1	Law 3	Spanish 10, 16, 26
Econ 1, 2, 10, 16, 30	Mgmt 31, 33	Speech 121, 122
		Supv 6, 11
- Select 3 additional units from numbers 1 or 2 above.

Section C: Humanities - Select 3 units from the following:

ASL 1, 2, 3, 4, 40	Japan 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 27
Anthro 104, 105, 121	Ling 1
Art 101, 102, 103, 105, 111, 119, 137, 138, 139, 201, 202, 203, 400, 500, 501, 502, 503, 604, 605, 606, 614, 700, 708AB	Music 101, 111, 112, 121, 122, 152, 181, 182, 183, 184, 201, 202, 203, 226, 241, 251, 299, 321, 322, 323, 324, 341, 411, 412, 413, 414, 501, 531, 561, 571, 601, 602, 603, 604, 611, 612, 613, 614, 621, 624, 651, 705, 721, 741, 745, 755, 776, 777
Cinema 3, 18, 104	Philos 1, 2, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 29, 30, 33, 35, 40, 41, 42
Dance 801, 802, 803, 804, 812, 814, 818	Photo 9, 10, 11, 27
English 102, 103, 127, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 219, 239, 240, 250, 251, 252, 270	Soc 11
French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10	Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 65
History 1, 2, 7, 31, 43, 44, 86, 87	Theater 100, 110, 125, 265, 270, 271, 273, 300
Human 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 30, 31, 60, 61, 89	
Italian 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8	

Section D: Language and Rationality - 12 units

- Select 3 units from the following courses:
English 28, 101, 102, 103
Journal 101, 108
CAOT 31, 32
- Select 6 units from the following courses:

Acctg 1	Math 115, 125, 146, 215, 227, 238, 240, 245, 259, 260, 261, 262, 291
CAOT 77	Philos 5, 6, 7, 9
Co Sci 501, 506, 507, 530, 572, 575	Psych 26, 66
Electron 10	Soc 4
Geog 31, 32, 33	Speech 101, 103, 104, 121, 122
GIS 31, 32, 33	Stat 1, 7
	Supv 11
- Select 3 additional units from numbers 1 or 2 above.

Section E: Health and Physical Education Activity - 3 units minimum.

Health 8, 9, 10, 11 - 2 units minimum
Physical Education: Activity Course chosen from Phys Ed 100 through 600 or Phys Ed 90A, 90B, 91, 96, 666, 690, 702, or Dance 801 - 1 unit minimum
Students who have served in the US Armed Services or have completed Police or Fire Department recruit academy training programs may be eligible to waive the Health and P.E. graduation requirements. Contact the Graduation Office for details.

Coursework limitations to the above plan:

- A student may not use more than two courses taught in any department to satisfy the general education requirements.
- A student may not duplicate disciplines in selecting courses to meet the requirements in sections B and D.
For example, History 11 from B1 with History 3 from B2.
- A single course may be listed in more than one general education area but may only be counted once.