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VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE
Chapter 4, Instruction

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AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates

For the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree, a student must demonstrate competence in reading, in written expression, and in mathematics, and satisfactory completion of a course in ethnic studies.

The student must satisfactorily complete at least 60 semester units ~~or 90 quarter units~~ of college work.

A definition of “college work” that provides that courses acceptable toward the associate degree include those that have been properly approved pursuant to Title 5 Section 55002(a), or, if completed at other than a California community college, would reasonably be expected to meet the standards of that section.

The work must include at least 18 semester units ~~or 27 quarter units~~ in general education and at least 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major listed in the Community Colleges “Taxonomy of Programs.”

The work must include at least 12 semester units ~~or 18 quarter units~~ of study in residence; the Board may excuse exceptions to the residence requirement to alleviate ~~can be made by the Board when an~~ injustice or undue hardship ~~would result~~.

The general education requirements must include a minimum of work in the natural sciences, the social and behavioral sciences, humanities, and language and rationality. Students may petition to have noncredit courses counted toward the satisfaction of requirements for an associate degree.

The District must offer ethnic studies ~~must be offered~~.

District policies and procedures regarding general education and degree requirements must be published in the college catalog and must be filed with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.

For a certificate of achievement, a student must successfully complete a course of study or curriculum that consists of ~~8 to 16~~ 8 or more semester units of degree-applicable credit coursework that is approved by The Chancellor’s Office. The certificate of achievement shall be designed to demonstrate that the student has completed coursework and developed capabilities relating to career or general education.

Content and assessment standards for certificates shall ensure that certificate programs are consistent with the mission of Victor Valley College district, meet a demonstrated need, are feasible, and adhere to guidelines on academic achievement.



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Certificates for which California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office approval is not sought may be given any name or designation deemed appropriate except for certificate of achievement, certificate of completion, or certificate of competency.

The District may obtain approval of a direct assessment competency-based program from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.

References:

Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq. and 55270 et seq.

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