

Academic Senate
APPROVED 2nd Reading (Revised) – March 3, 2011

Associate Degree Graduation Requirements Proposed Change:

Institute an “**American Institutions**” requirement in the General Education pattern-raising the 18 minimum units to 21 in the Associate Degree.

Students must complete a minimum of 3 units with a grade of “C” or better in one of the following courses in order to fulfill the new “**American Institutions**” requirement:

**POLS 102, POLS H102, *POLS 103, HIST 117, H117, HIST 118, H118,
*HIST 115**

Courses will not be allowed to double count in the Social and Behavioral Sciences or Humanities general education requirements.

*Courses do not satisfy US Constitution and American Ideals CSU requirements.

Brief Rationale:

1) This new General Education requirement demonstrates an effort by VVC towards meeting Accreditation Standard IIA-3C:

A recognition of what it means to be an ethical human being and effective citizen. Qualities include an appreciation of ethical principles; civility and interpersonal skills; respect for cultural diversity; historical and aesthetic sensitivity; and the willingness to assume civic, political and social responsibilities locally, nationally, and globally.

2) This new General Education requirement also demonstrates an effort by VVC to pursue the “Mission of Victor Valley Community College”:

Empower each student to learn by modeling academic integrity, **democratic citizenship**, and meaningful contribution to society.

3) The following courses work towards meeting the Area 4 **IGETC** requirement and Area D-U.S. History and U.S. Constitution and American Ideals **CSU** requirements :
POLS 102, POLS H102, HIST 117, H117, HIST 118, H118.