The following section details the required curriculum for every degree and certificate program offered at the college. Students must complete all course requirements to petition for a skill certificate or state-approved Certificate of Achievement. In order to be eligible for an Associate degree, students must fulfill all major courses, all West general education requirements (Plan A or Plan B), and all other graduation requirements for a total of at least 60 units. Students should refer to “Graduation Requirements” (in the “Academics” section of this catalog) for additional information. Students are also encouraged to seek assistance from counselors and faculty.

Transfer students should consult the Transfer Center or the Counseling Office for major preparation and general education requirements for the particular transfer institution of their choice. Transfer students who want to obtain an Associate degree may select one of the Liberal Arts and Science degrees which require completion of the West, CSU, or IGETC general education core and at least 18 units of coursework in an approved area of emphasis (see Liberal Arts & Science Section for details).
GEOGRAPHY

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

The Associate of Arts degree in Geography includes coursework that aligns with specific lower-division major requirements for the Geography major at various universities within the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems.

Students are encouraged to visit the Transfer Center for complete information regarding transfer requirements for the institution of their choice. Students interested in transfer are also encouraged to consult the Counseling Office for individualized educational planning.

The Associate Degree in Geography is designed to provide students with a strong basic foundation in the area of Geography.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

MAJOR CODE 2206.00

(25 UNITS, PLAN A) + All other West requirements for Associate Degree

REQUIRED COURSES    UNITS
GEOG 1  Physical Geography  3
GEOG 2  Cultural Elements of Geography  3
GEOG 7  World Regional Geography  3
GEOG 15  Physical Geography Laboratory  2
MATH 227  Statistics  4

Plus a foreign language (2 courses)  10

TOTAL UNITS  25

HISTORY

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

The Associate of Arts degree in History includes coursework that aligns with specific lower-division major requirements for the History major at various universities within the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems.

Students interested in transferring to a four-year college or university with a major in History may also consider the Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences (Behavioral and Social Sciences emphasis). Students are encouraged to visit the Transfer Center for complete information regarding transfer requirements for the institution of their choice. Students interested in transfer are also encouraged to consult the Counseling Office for individualized educational planning.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

MAJOR CODE 2205.00

(18 UNITS, PLAN A) + All other West requirements for Associate Degree

REQUIRED COURSES    UNITS
HISTORY 1  Introduction to Western Civilization I  3
HISTORY 2  Introduction to Western Civilization II  3
HISTORY 11  Political & Social History of the U.S I  3
OR
HISTORY 41  The African American in the History of the U.S I  3
(same as AFRO AM 4)
HISTORY 12  Political & Social History of the U.S. II  3
OR
HISTORY 42  The African American in the History of the U.S II  3
(same as AFRO AM 5)

TOTAL UNITS  18

GEOLOGY

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

The Associate of Arts degree in Geology includes coursework that aligns with specific lower-division major requirements for the Geology major at various universities within the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems.

Students are encouraged to visit the Transfer Center for complete information regarding transfer requirements for the institution of their choice. Students interested in transfer are also encouraged to consult the Counseling Office for individualized educational planning.

The Associate Degree in Geology is designed to provide students with a strong basic foundation for advanced study in the field of Geology.

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

MAJOR CODE 1914.00

(40 UNITS, PLAN B) + All other West requirements for Associate Degree

REQUIRED COURSES    UNITS
CHEM 101  General Chemistry I  5
CHEM 102  General Chemistry II  5
GEOLOGY 1  Physical Geology  3
GEOLOGY 6  Physical Geology Laboratory  2
MATH 261  Calculus I  5
MATH 262  Calculus II  5
PHYSICS 37  Physics for Engineers and Scientists I  5
PHYSICS 38  Physics for Engineers and Scientists II  5
PHYSICS 39  Physics for Engineers and Scientists III  5

TOTAL UNITS  40