

## GRADUATION AND GENERAL EDUCATION

5. Competency Requirements:
- Composition: completion of English B1 with a minimum grade of "C," or placement into English B1a by Essay Placement Test and completion of English B1a with a minimum grade of "D."
  - Mathematics: one year of high school algebra or MATH BA with a minimum grade of "C"; or an equivalent score on the Placement/Assessment.
  - Reading: a satisfactory score on the Bakersfield College Placement/Assessment, a satisfactory grade in ACDV B50, or a satisfactory score on the Bakersfield College Reading Proficiency Test.
6. Completion of a General Education Pattern: Choose 1: BC General Education Specific Requirements, or California State University General Education Breadth, or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum. (See General Education Requirements).
7. Completion of one course meeting the Multicultural Requirement.

**Multicultural Requirement**

Bakersfield College requires students to take courses that are inclusive of multicultural perspectives found in American and global society. This requirement may be satisfied through studying either American ethnic groups or world cultures.

*American Ethnic Groups and Subgroups:* This requirement includes courses that lead to an understanding of ethnic groups and cultures in American society. Courses will focus on themes that address the theoretical or analytical issues relevant to understanding race, culture and ethnicity. This exploration can be accomplished through the study of, but not limited to, the following subgroups in American society: African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Chicano/Latino Americans, and European-Americans. These subgroups will be studied from integrative and comparative viewpoints as they relate to the larger context of American history, society and culture. Courses meeting this requirement should include the study of a minimum of three ethnic groups, at least two groups from non-European origin.

*World Cultures:* Students may develop a multicultural perspective through a study of world cultures and their relationship to America in a global society. The study of the history, society or culture of a foreign country and its relationship to America can demonstrate the interdependence of all nations in a global political, economic and social infrastructure.

Courses meeting this requirement should include the study of a minimum of three different world cultures, at least one of which is not solely based in western civilization.

**Double Majors**

~~A single associate degree which designates graduation in two majors may be granted if all requirements for both majors are satisfied and an appropriate application for graduation is completed by the filing date. The application for graduation must specifically request a double major designation, identify the majors, and, if needed, specify the type of degree to be granted.~~

~~The degree granted associate in arts or associate in science will depend on the major programs completed. If one program leads to an AA and the other an AS, the degree AA or AS will be selected by the student.~~

**Additional Associate Degrees**

An associate in arts or associate in science degree will be awarded to those already possessing an associate or higher degree if:

- All requirements in a different major from that of previous associate or higher degree are satisfied; and
- All general education requirements in effect when beginning the new degree program are satisfied; and
- ~~At least 12 units, subsequent to the granting of any previous degree, are taken at Bakersfield College; and~~
- The student is enrolled at Bakersfield College during the semester in which the degree requirements are completed.

~~Generally, only one associate in arts degree, except as required for licensing and/or retraining, may be earned at Bakersfield College. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Vice President, Academic Affairs. Additional associate in science degrees may be earned.~~

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