

Academic Standards and Practices Handbook

Associate Degree Requirements – Associate of General Studies Degree (AGS)

The Associate of General Studies degree is designed for students wishing to acquire a broad education, rather than pursuing a specific college major or career/technical program. Because of the flexibility of this degree, it may not fulfill the requirements for transfer to a four-year institution.

The Associate of General Studies degree is awarded to students who meet the following requirements:

1. PCC Comprehensive Degree Requirements

2. PCC Associate of General Studies Requirements:

A. General Education Requirements:

Students must earn a minimum of 16 credits of General Education**. These credits must come from courses taken in the following categories:

- Arts and Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Mathematics, Natural and Physical Sciences, and Computer Studies

The 16 credits must include at least one course from each category and no more than eight credits from any one category. General Education requirements for the AGS degree will be waived for students who enroll at PCC with an A.A., A.A.S., A.G.S., A.S., B.A., B.S. degree or higher from an accredited United States institution.

***Taken from the General Education List.*

B. PCC Basic Competency Requirements in Writing and Math for AGS Degree:

Writing: Competency in writing must be demonstrated by either:

- Completing WR 121 with a grade of C or better, or
- Passing a lower division collegiate* writing course for which WR121 is a prerequisite with a letter grade of C or better or
- Passing the PCC WR 121 Challenge Exam. Students must meet criteria to sit for the exam.

**See "Course Descriptions" in PCC Catalog for a complete list.*

This information is no longer current

Students with A.A., A.A.S., A.G.S., A.S., B.A., B.S., degrees or higher from a U.S. accredited institution will have the basic competency in writing (WR 121) waived. Other writing requirements specified by the program remain in effect.

Math: Competency in mathematics must be demonstrated by either:

- Completing MTH 65 or MTH 63 with a grade of C or better, or
- Passing the PCC competency exam for MTH 65, * or
- Passing a math class with a grade of C or better for which MTH 65 or higher level math skills are a prerequisite. Excludes MTH 93.

C. Elective Credit Requirements:

All students must complete elective credits to meet the overall requirements of 90 credits for this degree. Elective credits may apply from MTH 30 or higher, any lower division collegiate or career technical courses. Elective credit limitations are:

- Maximum of six credits (100-level and above) of physical education (PE) may apply.
- Maximum of six credits of one-credit MSD workshops may apply
- Maximum of 24 credits of professional skills classes (PST) may apply

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