



SANTIAGO CANYON COLLEGE - PLAN 1

2025-2026 Associate in Arts General Education Pattern

Area 1: English Composition, Oral Communication, and Critical Thinking 6 SEMESTER/8 QUARTER UNITS ARE REQUIRED Complete ONE course from 1A and ONE course from 1B			
1A: ENGLISH COMPOSITION English 100, C1000*/C1000H* (formerly English 101*/101H*) Other Regionally Accredited College Course: _____ AP/CLEP/IB _____	Completed	In Progress	Need
1B: ORAL COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING Communication 100*/100H*, 101, 111, C1000 (formerly Communication Studies 110) English 102**/102H**, C1001*/C1001H* (formerly English 103*/103H*) Philosophy 110*/110H*, 111 Reading 150, 151 Other Regionally Accredited College Course: _____	Completed	In Progress	Need
Area 2: Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning 3 SEMESTER/4 QUARTER UNITS ARE REQUIRED Complete ONE MATH course			
2: MATHEMATICS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING Computer Science 111, 112, 120*/120H*, 121*/121H*, 131, 149, 154 Mathematics 105, 140*, 140S*, 150*, 150S*, 171*, 180*/180H*, 180S*, 185, 203, 225, 270, 280, 287*, 290*, 295* Sociology 125*/125H*, Statistics C1000*, C1000E*, C1000H* (formerly Mathematics 219*/219S*/219H*) Water and Wastewater Technology 137 Other Regionally Accredited College Course: _____ AP/CLEP/IB _____	Completed	In Progress	Need
Area 3: Arts and Humanities 3 SEMESTER/4 QUARTER UNITS ARE REQUIRED Complete ONE course from either 3A or 3B			
3A: ARTS Art 100*/100H*, 101*/101H*, 102*/102H*, 110; Cinema Studies 103, 104, 105**, 107, 108; Dance 100; Music 101*/101H*, 102, 103, 104, Theatre Arts 100 Other Regionally Accredited College Course: _____	Completed	In Progress	Need
3B: HUMANITIES American Sign Language 110, 111, 116, 210; Anthropology 104**; Chinese 101, 102; English 102**/102H**, 231, 232, 233A, 233B, 241, 242, 270, 271, 272, 278, 279; French 101, 102, 201, 202; Gender, Sexuality, and Women Studies 101**, 102**, 103**, History 101**/101H**, 102**/102H**, 115**, 125**, 129**, 130**, 132**, 142**, 172**, Italian 101, 102, 194, 195, 201, 202; Nutrition & Food 120**, Philosophy 106*/106H*, 108, 112, 115, 118, 120; Spanish 101*/101H*, 101A & 101B, 102*, 110, 111, 194, 195A, 195B, 201, 202, 213 Other Regionally Accredited College Course: _____ AP _____	Completed	In Progress	Need
Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences 3 SEMESTER/4 QUATER UNITS ARE REQUIRED Complete ONE course from either 4A or 4B			
4A: AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS Ethnic Studies 110**, 120**, 130**, 140**; History 118, 120*/120H*, 121*/121H*, 124, 127; Political Science C1000*/C1000H* (formerly Political Science 101*/101H*) Other Regionally Accredited College Course: _____ AP/CLEP/IB _____	Completed	In Progress	Need
4B: SOCIAL SCIENCE Anthropology 100*/100H*, 103, 104**, Apprenticeship Child Growth and Development 107** [◇] , 110 [◇] , 221 [◇] ; Child Development 107** [◇] /107H** [◇] , 110 [◇] , 221 [◇] ; Cinema Studies 105**; Communication 120*/120H*, 225*/225H*; Computer Science 100; Counseling 150, 152, 165; Criminal Justice 101; Economics 101, 102; Education 101; Gender, Sexuality, and Women Studies 101**, 102**, 103**, Geography 100*/100H*, 102*/102H*; History 101**/101H**, 102**/102H**, 115**, 125**, 126, 129**, 130**, 132**, 133, 140, 142**, 152, 162, 172**, 240; Interdisciplinary Studies 155; Kinesiology 109, 110**, 111**, Nutrition & Food 120**; Political Science 230; Psychology 160**, 170, 180, 190**, C1000*/C1000H* (formerly Psychology 100*/100H*); Sociology 100*/100H*, 101** [◇] , 120, 220**, 286 Other Regionally Accredited College Course: _____ AP/CLEP/IB _____	Completed	In Progress	Need

Area 5: Natural Sciences
3 SEMESTER/4 QUATER UNITS ARE REQUIRED
Complete ONE course from Area 5

5: NATURAL SCIENCES Anthropology 101; Astronomy 102, 103, 104; Biology 109*/109H*, 111, 115, 139, 149, 190, 211, 213, 215, 221, 229, 231, 239, 241, 249, 259, 290; Chemistry 100, 200A*/200AH*, 200B; Earth Science 100, 111, 120, 121, 130, 160, 200; Geography 101*/101H*, 130*/130H*; Physics 150A, 150AC, 150B, 150BC, 250A, 250B, 250C; Psychology 200; Water and Wastewater Technology 155 Other Regionally Accredited College Course: _____ AP/CLEP/IB _____	Completed	In Progress	Need

Area 6: Ethnic Studies
3 SEMESTER/4 QUATER UNITS ARE REQUIRED
Completed ONE course from Area 6

6: ETHNIC STUDIES Ethnic Studies 101[◇], 110, 120, 130, 140; Sociology 101**[◇] Other Regionally Accredited College Course: _____	Completed	In Progress	Need

Area 7: Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development
3 SEMESTER/4 QUATER UNITS ARE REQUIRED
Completed ONE course from 7A and one course from 7B.
No more than one unit may be counted from 7B.

7A: LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING Accounting 100; Apprenticeship Child Development 107**[◇]; Child Development 107**[◇]/107H**[◇]; Counseling 101, 113, 116, 118; Interdisciplinary Studies 155**; Kinesiology 100, 101, 102, 104, 106, 110**, 111**; Information Studies 100*/100H*; Nutrition and Food 115, 120**; Philosophy 111; Psychology 160**, 190**, 230; Sociology 130, 220** 	Completed	In Progress	Need

7B: LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING – ACTIVITY Kinesiology 119-123 (Excluding Kinesiology 274)	Completed	In Progress	Need

TOTAL UNITS:			
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ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

I. Units and Residency Requirements

60-degree applicable units, with at least a 2.0 grade point average in the degree applicable courses. At least 12 of the units must be earned at Santa Ana College, Santiago Canyon College, or a combination of the two. Students may petition to waive the residency requirement in order to alleviate injustice and undue hardship. If units accumulated beyond those required for the degree lower a student's cumulative grade point average below 2.0, Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College will compute the grade point average based solely on those courses used to satisfy the degree requirements, provided that the coursework used to compute the grade point average fulfill all major/area of emphasis and general education requirements.

II. General Education Requirements

24 semester units of general education which include one course or more as indicated in area requirements 1-7. (Students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) must instead complete Cal-GETC. Students may also use full CSU-GE Breadth or Full IGETC certification to earn an ADT but will need to consult with a counselor to determine CSU-GE/IGETC eligibility). Courses from the major may be used to satisfy areas 1-7.

The requirements in areas 1-7 may also be met by Cal-GETC certification or by submitting a transcript showing completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. Students may also use full CSU-GE Breadth or full IGETC certification to meet requirements (student must consult with a counselor to determine CSU-GE/IGETC eligibility). In addition, the requirements in areas 1-7 may be met by submitting a transcript showing completion of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from a regionally accredited California institution within a ten-year period of finishing major requirements (III) at the college.

III. Major Requirements:

Each degree program specifies courses required for the major (a minimum of 18 units). Students must complete these courses with a grade of "C" or better or with a "P" if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis*. See instructional programs section of the SCC Catalog.

*A maximum of 14 Pass/No Pass units is allowed for any degree program. This does not include units taken under credit by examination or assessment, or units earned in course which Pass/No Pass is the only grading option.

Petition for Graduation and Catalog Rights

Petitions for graduation should be filed in the Graduation Office during the semester/session the student expects to graduate. Students who maintain continuous enrollment in at least one regular semester or session of a catalog year (fall, intersession, spring, or summer) at Santa Ana College or Santiago Canyon College may elect to meet the associate degree or certificate requirements in the SAC/SCC Catalog in effect at the time of first enrollment or may choose the catalog requirements from any catalog year of subsequent continuous enrollment. **A student who has an interruption of attendance must use the catalog at the time of readmission or one of subsequent continuous enrollment.** Commencement exercises are held once a year at the end of the spring semester for those students who complete the requirements for graduation during the academic year or the summer session from the previous academic year. **Official Transcripts from all colleges attended must be on file in the Admissions and Records Office.**

What if I have a mixture of quarter and semester unit courses? How is this calculated towards the completion of an Associate of Arts.

It will be calculated to the student's advantage per Area, using either semester or quarter units. To convert semester units to quarter units, multiply the semester by 1.5. To convert quarter units to semester units, divide the quarter units by 1.5.

◇Courses with a diamond are cross listed with another course. Credit is given for only one course.

*Duplicate credit will not be awarded for both the Honors and the regular version of a course.

**Courses may be listed in more than one area but will not be certified in more than one area.