Associate Degree Requirements

Catalog Rights and Continuous Enrollment
For graduation, students may follow the catalog degree requirements that were in effect for the academic year when their attendance began at Coastline Community College or follow the catalog requirements in effect during subsequent years of attendance provided that continuous enrollment has been maintained.

Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment in at least one course at Coastline Community College for at least one semester (fall and/or spring) in each academic year. The student must receive a grade of A, B, C, D, F, P, NP, W, I or IP for the course.

The following applies to Military Personnel who have an Official Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Student Agreement (SOCAD, SOCMAR, SOCCOAST, SOCNAV) with Coastline: The validity of the SOC Agreement ("contract for degree") will remain in force for five years. Coastline will honor a SOC Student Agreement beyond five years if breaks-in-attendance do not exceed two years. The student's educational activities will not be exclusively defined by taking courses at Coastline.

Classification of Students
Students are classified as follows:

Freshman: A student who has completed fewer than 30 units.
Sophomore: A student who has completed 30 or more units.
Part-time Student: A student enrolled in fewer than 12 units.
Full-time Student: A student enrolled in 12 or more units.
Graduate Student: A student who has been awarded the Associate (A.A. or A.S.) degree, or a higher degree, by a recognized collegiate institution.

Student Status
New Student — No previous enrollment record at Coastline Community College.
Continuing Student — Continuing enrollment at Coastline Community College from one primary term to the next primary term.
Returning Student — Previously enrolled at Coastline Community College however missed at least one primary term of attendance.

General Education Philosophy
General Education Degree-Level Student Learning Outcomes
The term “general education” refers to a broad-based and comprehensive program that introduces students to the major areas of higher education: the humanities, fine arts, social sciences and natural sciences. The general education program is the basis for all degree programs at Coastline Community College and is designed to help students develop the knowledge and skills that will contribute to their intellectual, personal and professional growth.

Upon completion of a degree-level program, students will be able to:
1. Demonstrate understanding and appreciation for the visual and performing arts
2. Demonstrate ethical civic, environmental, and social responsibility
3. Demonstrate ability to apply critical thinking and analysis
4. Demonstrate innovative thinking, adaptability, and creative problem-solving skills
5. Demonstrate understanding and respect for cultural and global diversity
6. Demonstrate information competency
7. Use effective communication and interpersonal skills
8. Use scientific and quantitative reasoning

Additional Associate Degrees
Students who already possess an Associate degree may be awarded an additional degree upon completion of the following:
1. All requirements of a major or area of emphasis in a different field of study. Coursework from the previous major may be applied toward the new major.
2. Twelve additional units in residence at Coastline Community College after conferral of the previous degree.
3. General Education units earned from a previous Associate degree may be applied toward subsequent Associate degrees. If there has been a break in enrollment from when the last Associate degree was awarded, the student must complete the General Education requirements in effect at the time the student re-enrolls.

Multiple Majors
A student completing the requirements of more than one major may earn more than one Associate degree. When completing concurrent majors, the student simultaneously completes all academic requirements for his/her majors and graduates with two (or more) degrees in the same semester. Students must list all desired degrees on the Graduation Petition form.

Petition for Graduation
An A.A. or A.S. degree or a certificate of achievement is not automatically awarded. Students are required to petition for the degree or certificate of achievement at the beginning of the semester in which they will be completing their final requirements. Petitions are available in the Admissions office and online. Military students may obtain a graduation petition online at http://military.coastline.edu/forms

• Summer filing date: June 18-July 20, 2012
• Fall filing date: August 27-November 16, 2012
• Spring filing date: January 28-April 5, 2013
Coastline Community College awards the degrees of Associate of Arts and Associate of Science. These degrees are designed to provide students with the necessary skills to compete successfully in a culturally diverse and global job market. Among these are the ability to think and to communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing; to use mathematics; to understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines; to be aware of other cultures and times; to achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems; and to develop the capacity for self-understanding. In addition to these accomplishments, the student shall possess sufficient depth in a field of knowledge to contribute to lifetime interest.

In accordance with law and with rules and regulations of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Board of Trustees of the Coast Community College District, the requirements for the degrees of Associate of Arts and Associate of Science include the following:

1. **General Education:**
   Complete one of the three General Education options below.
   - **Option 1**—designed for students pursuing a major or area of emphasis and/or who may not be planning to transfer to a 4-year university. The degree is transferable to many colleges and universities.
   - **Option 2**—designed for students who are planning to transfer to a university in the CSU system. It may also be appropriate for transfer to some independent colleges.
   - **Option 3**—designed for students who are planning to transfer to a university in the CSU or UC system. It also may be appropriate for transfer to some independent colleges.

2. **Field Of Study:**
   Complete the required courses in one of the fields of study below. All coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.
   - **AREAS OF EMPHASIS**—American Studies, Arts and Humanities, Communications, Physical Education and Health, Science and Math, Social and Behavioral Sciences
   - **MAJORS**—Art, Business Administration, Economics, English, French, Gerontology, Health and Fitness, History, Human Services, Liberal Studies, Mathematics, Psychology, Spanish, Sociology
   - **CAREER PROGRAMS**—
     - Accounting
       - General Accounting
       - Bookkeeping
       - Taxation
     - Building Codes Technology
       - Combination Building Inspection
       - Combination Residential Inspection
       - Code Professional
       - Permit Technician
       - Green Building Technology
     - Business
       - General Business
       - Human Resources Management
       - Marketing
       - Business Administration
     - Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management
     - Computer Networking
       - Cisco
       - Microsoft®
       - Security
       - Electronics
       - Emergency Management/Homeland Security
       - Concentration in Criminal Justice

3. **Unit Requirement:**
   Complete at least 60 units of acceptable college work with a minimum of 12 Coastline units.

4. **Electives:**
   Complete additional Associates degree applicable courses needed to meet the 60 unit requirement.

5. **Global And Multicultural Studies Requirement:**
   Complete at least 2.5 units from any of the following Global and Multicultural Studies: Anthropology C100, C150; Art C100, C101, C103, C104, C105, C109, C135, C136, C137, C138, C233, C235, C236, C237, C261, C262, C265; Criminal Justice C148; English C144, C145, C150, C155; Foreign Language—any over C100; Geography C185; Gerontology C140; History C115, C122, C124, C125, C128, C132, C135, C146, C161, C162, C165, C180, C185; Humanities C100, C110; Human Services C100; Music C103; Philosophy C100, C113; Sociology C130

6. **Additional Graduation Requirements:**
   - Earn an overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher from all colleges attended and a 2.0 or higher grade point average at Coastline.
   - Forward all official college transcripts from other colleges attended to Coastline.
   - Be in good academic standing (not on probation and/or disqualification) during the semester graduation is petitioned.
   - Petition for the degree in the beginning of the semester in which final requirements will be completed.

This information is subject to change. For the latest information, please check the Catalog on the Web at www.coastline.edu.