

Catalog Rights:

“Catalog Rights” means a student is held to the course requirements listed in the Cañada catalog at the time enrollment begins as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment within SMCCCD in an academic year. A student may choose to use catalog rights for the year of first enrollment or any subsequent year of continuous enrollment at Cañada, CSM or Skyline. Continuous enrollment means attending at least one term (fall, spring or summer) of each academic year. If a student discontinues enrollment and restarts, then catalog rights begin with the new enrollment.

1. Residence:

- A minimum of 60 degree-applicable units is required for an Associate Degree.
- At least 12 units must be completed at one or more of the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) colleges.

2. Scholarship:

- A 2.0 grade point average is required in all degree applicable coursework taken within the SMCCD, and all incoming degree applicable coursework taken outside the District. If a student’s cumulative GPA is below 2.0, the college may compute the GPA based solely on the courses used to satisfy degree requirements.
- All courses in the major must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher or Pass (2.0)
- A maximum of 12 units towards an associate degree or 6 units toward a certificate may be earned using the “Pass/No Pass” option
- A grade of C or higher or Pass is required for courses fulfilling Area **1A**, **1B** and **Area 2**

3. Major Requirements:

- Associate Degrees require a minimum of 18 units in the major. Use the Cañada Catalog to find the courses required for each major.
- Either 12 units or 50% of the units applied to the major, whichever is fewer, must be completed at one or more of the SMCCCD colleges.
- A grade of “C” or higher or “Pass” is required for each course applied to the major.
- Courses applied to the major may also meet general education requirements if applicable.

4. General Education (GE):

- A minimum of 25 units of General Education is required.
- If a course is approved in multiple GE areas, it can be applied to one area only.
- Students who have a BA/BS degree from an accredited institution shall be deemed to have fulfilled the GE for the AA/AS degree.
- This Associate Degree GE pattern OR completion of the transfer GE pattern Cal-GETC may be used to complete local degree general education requirements.

5. General Electives

- If courses in the major and general education requirements do not add up to the 60-unit requirement for an AA/AS degree, then additional degree-applicable elective courses must be completed to reach 60 units. Note that students may receive credit for knowledge or skills acquired through the District’s procedures for awarding credit for prior learning.

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Cañada College AA/AS Degree Requirements 2025-2026 (Continued)
General Education Requirements for an AA/AS Degree

AREA 1A	3 units	English Composition	ENGL C1000 (formerly ENGL 100), ENGL C1000E (formerly ENGL 105)
AREA 1B	3 units	Oral Communication and Critical Thinking	COMM C1000 (formerly COMM 110), 127, 130, 140 ENGL 110, C1001 (formerly ENGL 165) PHIL 103, 200 POLS 103
AREA 2	3 units	Mathematical Concepts Quantitative Reasoning	BUS. 113 CIS. 262 MATH 125, 130, 145, 150, 225, 241, 243, 251, 252, 253, 270, 275 STAT C1000 (formerly MATH 200)
AREA 3	3 units	Arts and Humanities	3A-ARTS: ART. 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 114, 116, 118, 131, 250, 306 DANC 100 DRAM 101, 140, 150, 200, 233, 300.4 ETHN 288 FASH 150 INTD 150, 151 LIT. 441, 442 MUS. 100, 202, 210, 215, 240, 250, 275 3B-HUMANITIES: DRAM 151 ECE. 191 ENGL 110, 161, 164 ETHN 105, 107, 265 HIST 100, 101, 104, 106, 201, 202, 245, 246, 247, 422 LIT. 151, 200, 205, 231, 232, 252, 266, 371, 372, 373, 441, 442 PHIL 100, 160, 175, 190, 240, 300, 312 SPAN 110, 120, 121, 122, 130, 140, 145, 162, 220, 230
AREA 4	3 units	Social and Behavioral Science	ANTH 110, 200, 351 BUS. 100, 101 COMM 150, 180 ECE. 201, 212 ECON 100, 102, 230 ENGL 200 ETHN 103, 105, 107, 108, 109, 130 GEOG 110, 150 HIST 100, 101, 104, 106, 201, 202, 245, 246, 247, 422 LING 200 POLS C1000 (formerly PLSC 210), 130, 150, 170, 310 PSYC C1000 (formerly PSYC 100), 106, 200, 205, 300, 340, 410 SOCI 100, 105, 141, 205
AREA 5	4 units	Natural Science with Lab *courses with lab included	5A-PHYSICAL SCIENCE: ASTR 100 CHEM 114*, 192*, 210*, 220*, 231*, 232*, 410* ENVS 115, 120 GEOG 100 GEOL 100, 121* METE 100 OCEN 100 PHYS 114*, 210*, 220*, 250*, 260*, 270*, 405 5B-LIFE SCIENCE: ANTH 125 BIOL 100, 110*, 130, 225*, 230*, 240*, 250*, 260* ENVS 115 GEOL 121* OCEN 100 5C-LAB COURSES: ANTH 126 ASTR 101 BIOL 132 ENVS 101 GEOG 101 GEOL 101 OCEN 101
AREA 6	3 units	Ethnic Studies	ETHN 103, 105, 107, 108, 109, 130, 265, 288
AREA 7	3 units (minimum of one unit from 7A)	Physical, Personal, and Academic Development	7A-Physical Education Activity Courses: AQUA 127.1, 127.2, 127.3, 127.4, 133.1, 135.1 DANC 115.1, 115.2, 115.3, 115.4, 117.1, 117.2, 117.3, 117.4, 121.1, 121.2, 121.3, 121.4, 125.1, 125.2, 125.3, 125.4, 130.1, 130.2, 130.3, 130.4, 140.1, 140.2, 140.3, 140.4, 150.1, 150.2, 150.3, 150.4, 151.1, 151.2, 151.3, 151.4, 157.1, 157.2, 157.3, 157.4, 161.1, 161.2, 161.3, 161.4, 350.1, 350.2, 350.3, 350.4, 400.1, 400.2, 400.3, 400.4 FITN 112, 117, 118, 119, 122, 128.1, 128.2, 128.3, 128.4, 152, 153, 154, 210, 227.1, 227.2, 227.3, 227.4, 235, 301.1, 301.2, 301.3, 304.1, 304.2, 304.3, 304.4; 308.1, 332.1, 332.2; 334.1, 334.2, 334.3, 334.4; 335.1, 335.2, 335.3, 335.4 INDV 121.1, 121.2, 160.1, 160.2, 160.3, 160.4; 251.1, 251.2, 251.3, 251.4, 256.1, 256.2, 256.3 TEAM 105, 111.1, 111.2, 111.3, 111.4; 132.1, 132.2, 132.3; 141.1, 141.2, 141.3, 141.4; 148.1, 148.2, 148.3, 148.4, 171.1, 171.2, 171.3, 171.4; 183, 184, 185, 186, 187 VARS 104, 114, 140, 154, 160, 170, 300, 340, 350, 400 7B-Personal and Academic Development: BIOL 310 CRER 110, 127, 137, 300, 401, 430 EDUC 249 HSCI 100 HMSV 122 GBST 650 IDST 150 KINE 101, 105, 109, 119 LCTR 100 LIBR 100 Area 7 Exemptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 7A: Students with excused medical reasons. • Areas 7A & 7B: Veterans who have completed Basic Training and submitted their Joint Service Transcript (JST) will receive 3 units of credit toward the completion of 7A and 7B.

