

College of the Desert
Requirements for the Associate Degree 2015-16
with emphasis on Occupational/Vocational Preparation

Students may graduate from College of the Desert with an Associate of Arts or Science degree upon meeting the following requirements:

A. Completion of 60 units of lower division semester units with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 for all grades earned in lower division courses at all colleges and universities attended. Also, all courses used to fulfill major requirements or area of emphasis must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" or "P" - Pass. At least 12 units must be earned at COD.

B. Major Requirements (minimum of 18 units): Complete one of the degree programs listed in the Degree and Certificate Programs section of the College Catalog. All courses used to fulfill major area requirements or area of emphasis must be completed with a minimum grade of C or a P (pass)

C. Completion of the following general education requirements (18 units minimum).

Note: A single course, even though listed in more than one area, can only be used to satisfy one requirement.

C1. Natural Sciences – (3 units minimum)
 selected from the following courses:

A-001	Descriptive Astronomy	(3)
A-001L	Descriptive Astronomy Lab	(1)
AGEH-001	Ornamental Horticulture	(3)
AGEH-001L	Ornamental Horticulture Lab	(1)
AGPS-002	Entomology-Gen/App	(4)
AGPS-005	Plant Science	(3)
AGPS-005L	Plant Science Lab	(1)
ANTH-001	Intro/Physical Anthropology	(3)
BI-004	Elements of Biology	(4)
BI-005	Molecular & Cell Biology	(5)
BI-006	Biology of Organisms	(5)
BI-007	Biology of Mammals	(3)
BI-011	Biology of Viruses	(3)
BI-013	Human Anatomy & Phys I	(4)
BI-014	Human Anatomy & Phys II	(5)
BI-015	General Microbiology	(5)
CH-001A,1B	General Chemistry	(5)(5)
CH-003	Intro Gen Chemistry	(4)
CH-004	Fund of Chemistry	(4)
ENGR-06A	Electric Circuits	(4)
G-001	Physical Geology	(4)
G-005	Environmental Geology	(4)
G-010	The Earth Sciences	(4)
G-017	Intro to Oceanography	(3)
G-017L	Intro to Oceanography Lab	(1)
G-022	Intro to Environmental Science	(3)
GEOG-001	Physical Geography	(4)
GEOG-001L	Physical Geography	(3)
NR-001	Cons Natural Resources	(3)
NR-001L	Cons Natr Resources Lab	(1)
PH-001	Introductory Physics	(4)
PH-002A,2B	College Physics	(4)(4)
PH-003A,3B,3C	Engineering Physics	(5)(5)(5)
PH-006A	Electric Circuits	(4)
PH-017	Intro to Meteorology	(3)

C2. Social and Behavioral Sciences
 (3 units minimum) selected from the following courses:

AJ-001	Intro to Criminal Justice	(3)
ANTH-002	Cultural Anthropology	(3)
ANTH-003	Archeology, Intro to Prehstry	(3)
COUN-012	Life Plan/Personal Explor	(3)
ECON-001	Prin of Macroeconomics	(3)
ECON-002	Prin of Microeconomics	(3)
ECON-011	Internat'l Econ Relations	(3)
ECON-012	Economic Princ. & Appl.	(3)
GEOG-002	Cultural Geography	(3)
GEOG-007	Regional Geography	(3)
HIST-003	Hist World Civilization I	(3)
HIST-004	Hist World Civilization II	(3)
HIST-017	U.S. History	(3)
HIST-018	U.S. History	(3)
HIST-021	California History	(3)
HIST-023	Latin American History	(3)
HS-013	General Nutrition	(3)
KINE-010	Personal & Comm. Health	(3)
MC-001	Mass Media/Amer Cult.	(3)
PHIL-013	Perspectives Death/Dying	(3)
PS-001	Intro to Government	(3)
PS-002	Intro Comparative Govt	(3)
PS-003	Intro to Political Theory	(3)
PS-004	Intro Int'l Relations	(3)
PSY-001	General Psychology	(3)
PSY-003	Developmental Psych	(3)
PSY-007	Positive Psychology	(3)
PSY-010	Psy Aspects Marr/Family	(3)
PSY-012	Human Sexuality	(3)
PSY-020	Adolescent Psychology	(3)
PSY-023	Psychology of Women	(3)
PSY-025	Research Methods	(3)
PSY-027	Biological Psychology	(3)
PSY-029	Abnormal Psychology	(3)
PSY-033	Personal/Soc Adjustment	(3)
SOC-001	Intro to Sociology	(3)
SOC-002	Social Problems	(3)
SOC-014	Minority Grps in Amer	(3)
SOC-015	Mexican-Amer Culture	(3)

C3. Arts, Humanities and Culture – (3 units minimum) selected from the following courses:

AJ-005A	Community & the Justice System.	(3)
ARCH-014	History of Architecture	(3)
ART-002A,B	History of Western Art	(3)(3)
ART-002C	Hist. of Modern Art	(3)
ART-003A	Basic Design & Color	(3)
ART-010	Intro to Art	(3)
ART-012A	Survey of Asian Art	(3)
ART-012B	Art of Africa, Oceania and Indigenous N. America	(3)
ART-012C	Art of the Ancient Americas	(3)
ART-033	History of Photography	(3)
ASL-001,2	Elem Amer Sign Lang	(5)(5)
ASL-003	Interm Amer Sign Lang	(4)
ASL-004	Interm Amer Sign Lang	(4)
DANC-015	History of Dance	(3)
ENG-001B	Comp & Literature	(3)
ENG-002	Argum. Writing/Critical Thinking	(4)
ENG-010A	American Literature I	(3)
ENG-010B	American Literature II	(3)
ENG-011A,B	Surv of English Lit	(3)(3)
ENG-012A	World Literature I	(3)
ENG-012B	World Literature II	(3)
ENG-014	Shakespeare	(3)
ENG-015	The Short Story	(3)
ENG-017	Women in Literature	(3)
ENG-021	Intro Latin-Amer/Chicano Literature	(3)
ENG-022	Intro African-Amer Lit	(3)
ENG-024	Native American Lit	(3)
ENG-025	Intro to the Novel	(3)
ENG-026	LGBT Literary Experience	(3)
ENG-031	Bible as Literature O.T.	(3)
ENG-032	Bible as Literature N.T.	(3)
ENG-035	Myth and Legend	(3)
ENG-036	Children's Literature	(3)
ENG-037	Methods of Tutor Writing	(3)
FR-001,2	Elementary French	(5)(5)
FR-003,4	Intermediate French	(4)(4)
GER-001,2	Elementary German	(5)(5)
ITAL-001,2	Elementary Italian	(5)(5)
JPN-001,2	Elementary Japanese	(5)(5)
MUS-001	Music Theory I	(4)

MUS-002	Music Theory II	(4)
MUS-005	History of Rock 'n' Roll	(3)
MUS-006	History of Film Music	(3)
MUS-007	History of Musical Theatre	(3)
MUS-010	Intro to Music	(3)
MUS-011	History of Jazz	(3)
MUS-012	Fundamentals of Music	(3)
PHIL-006	Intro to Philosophy	(3)
PHIL-007	Ideas/Great Philosophers	(3)
PHIL-012	Religions of the World	(3)
PHIL-013	Perspect Death/Dying	(3)
PHIL-014	Intro to Ethics	(3)
PHIL-017	Philosophy of Religion	(3)
RTV-006	Introduction to Film	(3)
RTV-008	Contemporary World Film	(3)
SPAN-001,2	Elementary Spanish	(5)(5)
SPAN-003,4	Intermed. Spanish	(4)(4)
SPAN-020	Hisp/Latino Culture & Civ.	(3)
TA-001	Intro to Theatre	(3)
TA-002	Acting I	(3)
TA-032	Play Production Tech	(3)

C4. Language & Rationality – (6 units)

a) English Composition (3 units minimum)

ENG-001A	Composition	(4)
ENG-002	Argumentative Writing	(4)

b) Communication and Analytical Thinking (3 units minimum):

LIS-001	Intro Basic Research Skills	(2)
MATH-001A,B	Calculus	(5)(5)
MATH-002A	Multivariate Calculus	(5)
MATH-02B	Linear Algebra	(4)
MATH-02C	Ord. Differential Equations	(4)
MATH-005	Trigonometry	(5)
MATH-010	College Algebra	(4)
MATH-011	Math Concepts for Elementary School Teachers	(4)
MATH-012	Pre-Calculus	(5)
MATH-013	Liberal Arts Math	(4)
MATH-014	Statistical Methods	(4)
MATH-015	Discrete Math for Computers	(4)
MATH-040	Intermediate Algebra	(4)
PHIL-010	General Logic	(3)
SOC-003	Fund. of Statistics	(3)
SOC-004	Soc/Critical Thinking	(3)
SP-001	Intro/Interpersonal Comm	(3)
SP-004	Public Speaking	(3)
SP-005	Group Discuss/Leadership	(3)
SP-007	Argumentation & Debate	(3)
SP-015	Intercultural Comm	(3)

C5. Personal Growth and Development

(3 units minimum) selected from the following courses:

CIS-010	Computer Literacy	(4)
COUN-012	Career/Life Planning & Personal Exploration	(3)
ECE-010	Child Growth & Development	(3)
ECE-012	Child, Family & Community	(3)
HS-013	General Nutrition	(3)
HS-072	Introduction to Health & Society	(3)
KINE-006	Women's Self Defense	(3)
KINE-010	Personal & Community Health	(3)
PSY-003	Developmental Psychology	(3)
PSY-010	Psychological Aspects of Marriage & Family	(3)
PSY-012	Human Sexuality	(3)
PSY-020	Adolescent Psychology	(3)
PSY-023	Psychology of Women	(3)
PSY-033	Personal & Social Adjustment	(3)

D. Physical Education Activity

Requirement:

In addition to **AREAS A, B & C**, two units are required from kinesiology (KINE), health education (HE), recreation (RE) or varsity sports (VSM, VSW).

Note: If HE 1 is used to fulfill section C-2 or C-5, it may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

E. Reading, Writing & Mathematics Competency Requirements

In addition to **AREAS A, B, C, & D**, competency requirements must be met, as follows:

Reading Competency: All students earning an Associate in Arts Degree or an Associate in Science Degree must demonstrate a reading proficiency at the collegiate level by passing RDG 51, Analytical Reading or the equivalent, with a grade of "C" or better.

Writing Competency: All students earning an Associate in Arts Degree or an Associate in Science Degree must demonstrate a writing proficiency at the collegiate level by passing ENG 1A or the equivalent with a grade of "C" or better.

Mathematics Competency: All students earning an Associate in Arts Degree (non-transfer/occupational emphasis) or an Associate in Science Degree (non-transfer/occupational emphasis) must demonstrate a mathematics proficiency by passing MATH 40, or any college mathematics course determined by the Desert Community College District to be equivalent to or higher than MATH 40 with a grade of "C" or better.

See Catalog Degree and Certificate Programs for specific degree requirements including major and general education courses.

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