



Local Associate Degree

General Education Requirements 2025 - 2026

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A minimum of 21 semester units (28 quarter units) of general education in the areas described below.

To earn an Associate degree from Santa Monica College, a student must complete a minimum of 60 semester units with a C grade or higher, including completion of major/area of emphasis and Global Citizenship, as well as and either SMC GE or Cal-IGETC. A student intending to transfer to a 4-year institution should follow the Cal-GETC requirements. *Consult a counselor for advice.*

A student who earned a Bachelor's degree or higher from an Institutionally Accredited Institution (*formerly known as Regional Accreditation*) will have satisfied the **local SMC Associate GE requirements**. A copy of the student's transcript must be on file with the SMC Admissions & Records Office.

1. ENGLISH COMPOSITION, ORAL COMMUNICATION, AND CRITICAL THINKING: (minimum of 6 semester/8 quarter units) including:

A. English Composition: (minimum 3 semester/4 quarter units)

- BUS 31
- ENGL (1) (*see ENGL C1000*), C1000 (*formerly ENGL 1*)
- or
- ENGL 1D

B. Oral Communication and Critical Thinking: (minimum 3 semester/4 quarter units)

- BUS 32
- COM ST (11) (*see COMM C1000*), 12[▽], 16, 21[▽]
- COMM C1000 (*formerly COM ST 11*)
- ENGL (2) (*see ENGL C1001*), C1001[▽] (*formerly ENGL 2[▽]*), 31[▽]
- HIST 47[▽]
- PHILOS 7

2. MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING: (minimum of 3 semester/4 quarter units)

- ACCTG 1, 2, 45 (*same as BUS 45*)
- BUS 45 (*same as ACCTG 45*)
- COM ST 21, 31
- CS 5, 6, 7, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20A, 20B, 30, 32, 33, 34A, 36, 37, 50, 51, 52, 53A, 53B, 54, 55, 56, 77B, 80, 81, 82, 83, 83R, 84, 85, 86, 87A, 87B
- MATH 1 or 1B or 1C (*if Math 18, 20, or 50 level satisfied*), 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 32, 41, 49, 50, (54) (*see STAT C1000*), 55
- STAT C1000 (*formerly MATH 54*)
- PHILOS 9
- PSYCH 7
- SOCIOL 4

3. ARTS AND HUMANITIES: (minimum of 3 semester/4 quarter units)

- AHIS 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 5^{GC}, 6^{GC}, 11^{GC}, 15, 17^{GC}, 18^{GC}, 21^{GC}, 22^{GC}, 52 (*same as PHOTO 52*), 71^{GC}, 72^{GC}, 80^{GC}
- ANIM 5
- ARABIC 1^{GC}
- ART 10A*, 10B*, 13, 14, 20A*, 20B*, 40A*, 40B, 43A*, 43B
- ASL 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}
- CHNESE 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8, 9^{GC}
- COM ST 12, 14^{GC}
- DANCE 2^{GC}, 5^{GC}, 6, 10, 11, 14, 17, 19A, 20, 21A, 22A, 24, 25, 26A, 31A, 41A
- ENGL (2) (*see C1001*), C1001 (*formerly ENGL 2*), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9^{GC}, 10^{GC}, 14, 15, 17, 18, 26 (*same as HUM 26*), 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 49^{GC}, 50, 51 (*same as REL ST 51*), 52 (*same as REL ST 52*), 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64
- ENVRN 20^{GC} (*same as PHILOS 20*)
- FILM 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7^{GC}, 8, 9, 11, 14
- FRENCH 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8, 9^{GC}, 20
- GERMAN 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8
- HEBREW 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8
- HIST 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6^{GC}, 10^{GC}, 11, 12, 13, 14^{GC} (*same as ENVRN 14*), 15 (*same as ECON 15*), 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25^{GC} (*satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2014 or later*), 26, 28, 29, 32^{GC} (*same as ENVRN 32*), 33, 34^{GC} (*satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2014 or later*), 38, 39^{GC} (*satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2014 or later*), 41, 42, 43, (45), (46), 47, (48) (*formerly same as PHILOS 48*), 52, 53, 55, 62
- HUM 9A^{GC}, 26 (*same as ENGL 26*)
- ITAL 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8
- JAPAN 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8, 9^{GC}
- KOREAN 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8, 9^{GC}
- LING 1^{GC}
- MUSIC 1, 29^{GC}, 30, 31, 32, 33^{GC}, 36^{GC}, 37^{GC}, 39, 60A*, 60B*, 66 (*same as MUSIC 1 and MUSIC 60A*)
- PERSIN 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}
- PHILOS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 20^{GC} (*same as ENVRN 20*), 22, 23, 24, 41, 48, 51 (*same as POL SC 51*), 52 (*same as POL SC 52*)
- PHOTO 52 (*same as AHIS 52*)
- POL SC 51 (*same as PHILOS 51*), 52 (*same as PHILOS 52*)
- PORTGS 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}
- REL ST 51 (*same as ENGL 51*), 52 (*same as ENGL 52*)
- RUSS 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 8
- SPAN 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8, 9^{GC}, 11^{GC}, 12^{GC}, 20^{GC}
- TH ART 2, 5, 41, 48A
- TURKSH 1^{GC}

4. SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES: (minimum of 3 semester/4 quarter units)

- ADJUS 1, 2
- ANTHRO 2^{GC}, 3, 4, 7, 14^{GC}, 19^{GC}, 20, 21^{GC}, 22
- ASTRON 6^{GC}
- BUS 1
- COM ST 9, 20, 30, 31, 35, 36^{GC}, 37^{GC}, 38
- ECE 11^{GC}
- ECON 1, 2, 4^{GC} (same as ENVRN 4), 5^{GC} (same as GLOBAL 5 and POL SC 5), 6, 8^{GC} (same as WGS 8), 15 (same as HIST 15)
- ENVRN 4^{GC} (same as ECON 4), 7^{GC} (same as GEOG 7), 14^{GC} (same as HIST 14), 22^{GC} (same as POL SC 22), 32^{GC} (same as HIST 32), 40^{GC} (same as PSYCH 40)
- ETH ST 1, 6^{GC}, 7, 8^{GC}, 9
- GEOG 2, 7^{GC} (same as ENVRN 7), 8 (same as URBAN 8), 11^{GC} (same as GLOBAL 11), 14^{GC}
- GLOBAL 3^{GC} (same as MEDIA 3), 5^{GC} (same as ECON 5 and POL SC 5), 10^{GC}, 11^{GC} (same as GEOG 11)
- HIST 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6^{GC}, 10^{GC}, 11, 12, 13, 14^{GC} (same as ENVRN 14), 15 (same as ECON 15), 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25^{GC}, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32^{GC} (same as ENVRN 32), 33, 34^{GC}, 38, 39^{GC}, 41, 42, 43, 47, 51, 52, 53, 55, 62
- MEDIA 1, 3^{GC} (same as GLOBAL 3), 4, 10^{GC}
- NUTR 7^{GC}
- PHILOS 48, 51 (same as POL SC 51), 52 (same as POL SC 52)
- POLS C1000 (formerly POL SCI 1)
- POL SC (1) (see POLS C1000), 2, 3, 5^{GC} (same as ECON 5 and GLOBAL 5), 7, 8, 11, 14, 21^{GC}, 22^{GC} (same as ENVRN 22), 23, 24, 31, 47, 51 (same as PHILOS 51), 52 (same as PHILOS 52)
- PSYC C1000 (formerly PSYCH 1)
- PSYCH (1) (see PSYC C1000), 3, 5, 6, 7, 8^{GC}, 11, 13, 14, 19, 25, 40^{GC} (same as ENVRN 40)
- SOCIOL 1, 1s^{GC}, 2, 2s^{GC}, 4, 12, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34^{GC}
- URBAN 8 (same as GEOG 8)
- WGS 8^{GC} (same as ECON 8), 10^{GC}, 20^{GC}, 30^{GC}, 40^{GC}

5. NATURAL SCIENCES: (minimum of 3 semester/4 quarter units)

- ANATMY 1, 2
- ANTHRO 1, 5, 9, 10, 11
- AQUA 1^{GC}, 3
- ASTRON 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 (same as GEOL 10)
- BIOL 2, 3, 9^{GC}, 10^{GC}, 15^{GC}, 15N, 21, 22, 23, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
- BOTANY 1, 3
- CHEM 9^{GC}, 10, 11, 12, 19, 21, 22, 24, 31 (**Note:** CHEM 9 is a terminal GE course, CHEM 19 is intended for CSU nursing majors and CHEM 10 is for STEM majors)
- GEOG 1, 3, 5, 9, 12 (same as GEOL 12)
- GEOL 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 (same as ASTRON 10), 12 (same as GEOG 12), 31, 32
- MCRBIO 1
- NUTR 1
- PHYS 3
- PHYSICS 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24
- PSYCH 2
- ZOOL 5

6. ETHNIC STUDIES: (minimum of 3 semester/4 quarter units)

- ETH ST 1, 6^{GC}, 7, 8^{GC}, 9

7. GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: 3 semester units from the courses listed below or successful completion of an SMC Study Abroad experience if completed spring 2008 or later (credit awarded through petition).

NOTE: Many of these courses (noted with ^{GC} above) are also in GE areas 3, 4, 5, and 6 and can be used to satisfy BOTH areas.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHIS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 17, 18, 21, 22, 71, 72, 80 • ANTRHO 2, 14, 19, 21 • AQUA 1 • ARABIC 1 • ASL 1, 2 • ASTRON 6 • BIOL 9, 10, 15 • BUS 51 • CHEM 9 (<i>satisfies GC requirement if completed spring 2013 or later</i>) • CHNESE 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 • COM ST 14, 20, 36, 37, 310 • DANCE 2, 5, 57A • ECE 11, (18), 19 • ECON 4 (<i>same as ENVRN 4</i>), 5 (<i>same as GLOBAL 5 and POL SC 5</i>), 8 (<i>same as WGS 8</i>) • ENGL 9, 10, 49, 62 • ENVRN 4 (<i>same as ECON 4</i>), 7 (<i>same as GEOG 7</i>), 14 (<i>same as HIST 14</i>), 20 (<i>same as PHILOS 20</i>), 22 (<i>same as POL SC 22</i>), 32 (<i>same as HIST 32</i>), 40 (<i>satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2011 or later</i>) (<i>same as PSYCH 40</i>) • ETH ST 6, 8 • FILM 7, 14 • FRENCH 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 20 (<i>satisfies GC requirement if completed spring 2023 or later</i>) • GEOG 7 (<i>same as ENVRN 7</i>), 9 (<i>same as GEOL 9</i>), 11 (<i>same as GLOBAL 11</i>), 14 • GEOL 9 (<i>same as GEOG 9</i>) • GERMAN 1, 2, 3, 4 • GLOBAL 3 (<i>same as MEDIA 3</i>), 5 (<i>same as ECON 5 and POL SC 5</i>), 10, 11 (<i>same as GEOG 11</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEALTH 60 (<i>same as NURSNG 60</i>) • HEBREW 1, 2, 3, 4 • HIST 6, 10⁺, 14 (<i>same as ENVRN 14</i>), 25 (<i>satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2014 or later</i>), 32 (<i>same as ENVRN 32</i>), 34 (<i>satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2014 or later</i>), 39 (<i>satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2014 or later</i>) • HUM 9A • IARC 56 • ITAL 1, 2, 3, 4 • JAPAN 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 • KOREAN 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 • LING 1 • MEDIA 3 (<i>same as GLOBAL 3</i>), 10⁺ • MUSIC 29, 33⁺, 36, 37⁺ • NURSNG 60 (<i>same as Health 60</i>) • NUTR 7 • PERSIN 1, 2 • PHILOS 20 (<i>same as ENVRN 20</i>) • POL SC 5 (<i>same as ECON 5 & GLOBAL 5</i>), 21, 22 (<i>same as ENVRN 22</i>) • PORTGS 1, 2 • PSYCH 8, (18), 33, 40 (<i>satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2011 or later</i>) (<i>same as ENVRN 40</i>) • RRM 1 • RUSS 1, 2 • SOCIOL 1s, 2s, 34 • SPAN 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 20, 25 • TURKSH 1 • WGS 8 (<i>same as ECON 8</i>), 10, 20, 30, 40 |
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⁺ HIST 10, MEDIA 10, MUSIC 33, and 37 (*satisfies area if completed fall 2013 or later*) meet the UC Berkeley American Cultures graduation requirement.

KEY TO SYMBOLS USED

("same as ...")	Courses which are offered in more than one discipline (cross listed). Students may receive credit for only one of the cross-listed courses. See course descriptions for details.
GC	Course satisfies SMC's Global Citizenship Degree Requirement