



# Santa Fe College Rules Manual

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Title: **Degree and Certificate Requirements** **Rule 4.3**

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Purpose: To state the requirements for Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, as well as Advanced Technical Certificates, College Credit Certificates, Applied Technology Diplomas, and Career and Technical Certificates.

For the following degree and certificate programs set forth below in sections A - G, the student must:

- Earn at least a 2.0 Program of Study GPA.
- Meet the eligibility requirements to participate in auto-graduation or complete an application for graduation through eSantaFe.

A. Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree: Programs of instruction consisting of college-level courses transferable to the State University System.

Santa Fe College awards the Associate in Arts degree to all students who satisfy the following requirements:

1. Completion of the requirements of the general education program.
2. Completion of at least 60 semester hours of credit in a prescribed course of study.
3. Completion of 36 semester hours of general education coursework.
4. Demonstration of competency in a foreign language.
5. Completion of the State of Florida Civic Literacy requirement.
6. Completion of a minimum of 25% of the semester hours for the degree at Santa Fe College.

7. Completion of the minimum requirements for the college-level communication and computation skills adopted by the State Board of Education.
8. Demonstration of competency in Communication, Critical Thinking, Scientific Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Information Literacy.

- B. Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree: Programs of instruction consisting of college-level courses to prepare for entry into employment and include 15-18 hours of general education courses transferable to the State University System.

Requirements for the Associate in Science degree are:

1. Completion of an approved program of at least 60 semester hours in accordance with Florida standard credit hour length that must include a basic core of 15 semester hours of general education courses that transfer to the State University System.
2. The general education core must include at least one course from each of the following areas: Communications, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Math.
3. Completion of the State of Florida Civic Literacy requirement.
4. Complete a minimum of 25% of the semester hours for the degree at Santa Fe College.

- C. Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree: Programs of instruction consisting of college-level courses to prepare for entry into employment.

Requirements for the Associate in Applied Science degree are:

1. Completion of an approved program of study of at least 60 semester hours in accordance with Florida standard credit hour length that must include a basic core of 15 semester hours of general education courses.
2. The general education core must include at least one course from each of the following areas: Communications, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Math.
3. Completion of the State of Florida Civic Literacy requirement.
4. Completion of a minimum of 25% of the semester hours for the degree at Santa Fe College.

- D. Baccalaureate Degrees (B.A.S or B.S.): Programs of instruction consisting of college-level courses requiring a minimum of 120 semester hours

Requirements for a Baccalaureate degree shall include:

1. Completion of upper-division core requirements totaling at least 30 semester hours.
2. Demonstration of competency in a foreign language.

3. Completion of a minimum of 36 semester hours of general education coursework, consistent with the Associate of Arts requirements.
  4. Completion of the State of Florida Civic Literacy requirement.
  5. Completion of a minimum of 25% of the semester hours at Santa Fe College.
- E. College Credit Certificate (C.C.C.): A program of instruction of less than 60 credits of college- level courses, which is part of an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree or Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and is intended to prepare students for entry into employment.
- F. Advanced Technical Certificate (A.T.C.): A program of instruction of nine (9) hours or more but less than forty-five (45) college credits of lower division and/or upper division courses for students who have already received minimally an Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science degree and are seeking an advanced specialized program of instruction to supplement the degree.
- G. Applied Technology Diploma (A.T.D.): A program of study that is part of an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree or an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree, is less than 60 credit hours, and leads to employment in a specific occupation. An A.T.D. may consist of either vocational credit or college credit.
- H. Career and Technical Certificate (C.T.C.): A program of instruction consisting of clock hour courses to prepare for entry into employment. Students must meet specific basic skills requirements in English, mathematics, and writing.

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