College of San Mateo Associate Degree General Education Requirements
Associate in ARTS (AA) and Associate in SCIENCE (AS) 5/1/26
2026 - 2027 Catalog Rights (Academic Year: Fall 2026 – Spring 2027 – Summer 2027)

Catalog Rights:

"Catalog rights" means a student is held to the graduation requirements listed in the CSM catalog at the time enrollment begins. A student may choose to use catalog rights for the year of first enrollment or any subsequent year of continuous enrollment at CSM or Canada 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. Catalog rights do not apply to any program that has been inactivated and is no longer offered.

Important information for students!

1. If you plan to transfer to a California State University campus, ask about the Associate Degrees for Transfer.
2. **Students may choose one of two options to complete AA/AS general education requirements: 1) the local AA/AS GE pattern outlined below OR, 2) Cal-GETC, the transfer general education pattern.**
3. For a course to meet associate degree general education requirements it must be completed at the time it was approved to meet the GE area and appear on the AA/AS GE worksheet or the Cal-GETC worksheet.
4. If a student has completed coursework at colleges/universities outside of the San Mateo County Community College District the student must have OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS from those institutions sent to the following. Electronic transcripts are PREFERRED and can be **sent to transevaluation@smccd.edu OR by mail to ATTN: Transcript Evaluation Services, 1700 W Hillsdale Boulevard, San Mateo, CA 94402.**
5. Use the online College of San Mateo Catalog to find the descriptions for the courses listed below.

Residence:

A minimum of 60 degree applicable semester units is required for the Associate degree. A minimum of 12 units must be completed in residence within the San Mateo County Community College District (Cañada College, College of San Mateo, Skyline College).

Graduation Requirement:

Information Literacy – This competency requirement can be satisfied with any of the following.

1. Completion, with a grade of "C" or higher, of ENGL C1000 (formerly ENGL 100) or C1000E (formerly ENGL 105) at CSM or SKYLINE taken Fall 2015 or later.
2. Completion with a grade of "C" or "P" in any of these CSM courses – LIBR 100, CIS 110, DGME 100, 102, MATH 145, NURS 242. At Cañada LIBR 100 meets this competency.

Major:

- Associate degree major course requirements are listed in the College of San Mateo catalog. A minimum of 18 units is required for the major. Some majors require more than 18 units. Major courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. Courses applied to the major may also meet general education requirements if applicable. A maximum of 12 units from courses in which a student has elected to take a PASS/NO PASS grading option may be applied toward an associate degree. Complete 12 units or 50% of the units required for the major, whichever is fewer, at one or more of the San Mateo County Community College District colleges.

General Education Requirements: Area 1 – Area 8

Areas 1A, 1B, and 2 must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. A 2.0 GPA is required for the degree. UNIT DEFICIENCY AS A RESULT OF QUARTER TO SEMESTER UNITS CONVERSON: Students who transfer in coursework that involves quarter units should know that there may be UNIT DEFICIENCIES. Discuss with your Counselor.

AREA 1A **English Composition**	**1 course (minimum one 3-unit course)** **ENGL** C1000 (formerly ENGL 100) **ENGL** C1000E (formerly ENGL 105) **ESL** 400

AREA 1B **Oral Communication & Critical Thinking**	**1 course (minimum one 3-unit course)** **BUS** 401 **COMM** C1000 (formerly COMM 110) 115 C1004 (formerly 130) 150 170 171 **PHIL** 103 210 **ENGL** C1002 (formerly 110) C1001 (formerly165)

AREA 2 **Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning**	**1 course (minimum one 3-unit course)** **BUS** 113 123 **CIS** 124 262 400 401 402 **PHIL** 200 **STAT C1000** (formerly MATH 200) **MATH** 125 130 145 221 222 225 241 242 243 C2210 (formerly 251) C2220 (formerly) 252 253 268 270 275 **PSYC** 121
AREA 3 **Arts & Humanities**	**1 course (minimum one 3-unit course)** **ANTH** 180 **ARCH** 100 **ART** 103 104 105 129 204 207 301 347 350 351 401 **ARTH** C110 (formerly ART 101) C1200 (formerly ART 102) **ASL** 100 110 **CHIN** 111 112 121 122 131 132 134 211 212 **COMM** 170 171 **DANC** 100 **DGME** 215 **ENGL** C1002 (formerly 110) 161 162 163 **ESL** 400 401 **ETHN** 104 105 106 107 265 288 585 **FILM** 100 120 121 122 123 130 135 140 145 153 200 215 277 **GBST** 101 102 **HIST** 100 101 104 106 C1001 (formerly201) C1002 (formerly 202) 260 261 262 310 **KINE** 200 **LIT.** 101 105 113 115 150 151 154 155 156 201 202 220 221 231 232 266 277 269 430 **MUS.**100 131 202 210 250 275 280 **PHIL** 100 160 175 244 300 **SPAN** 110 112 120 122 131 132 140
AREA 4 **Social & Behavioral Sciences**	**1 course (minimum one 3-unit course)** **ADMJ** 100 **ANTH** 110 180 350 **BUS.** 100 101 125 203 **CDEV** C1000 **COMM** C1004 (formerly 130) **DGME** 100 102 **ECON** C2002 (formerly100) C2001 (formerly 102) **ETHN** 101 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 122 300 **GEOG** 110 150 **GBST** 101 102 **HIST** 100 101 104 106 C1001 (formerly 201) C1002 (formerly 202) 260 261 262 310 **KINE** 103 107 **POLS** 100 110 130 150 C1000 (formerly PLSC 200) 210 310 **PSYC** C1000 (formerly PSYC 100) 105 106 110 120 200 220 225 230 300 301 310 320 330 410 **SOSC** 310 321 **SOCI** C1000 (formerly 100) 105 110 121 141 160
AREA 5 **Natural Sciences**	**1 course (minimum one 3-unit course)** **ANTH** C1001 (formerly 125) **ASTR** C1001 (formerly 100) 115 125 210 **BIOL** 100 102 C1000 (formerly 110) 130 145 184 210 211 220 221 230 240 250 260 310 311 **CHEM** 192 210 220 231 232 410 420 **ENGR** 130 **GEOG** 100 **GEOL** 100 **OCEN** 100 **PALN** 110 **PHYS** 100 130 210 220 250 260 270 **PSCI** 125 126 141 **PSYC** 105 220
AREA 6 **Ethnic Studies**	**1 course (minimum one 3-unit course)** **ETHN** 101 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 265 288 300 585
AREA 7 **Wellness, Kinesiology Activity, and Personal Development** ***Area 7A & 7B - Veterans who have completed Basic Training and submitted their Joint Services Transcript (JST) will receive 3 units of credit toward completion of 7A and 7B.***	**3 semester units <u>with at least 1 unit from Area 7A</u> course options. (1 unit in 7A and 2-3 units in 7B OR all 3 units in Area 7A is acceptable)** **7A Wellness and Kinesiology Activity courses – at least 1 unit from Area 7A**: **ADAP** 100 110 140 155 **AQUA** 109.1-109.4 127.1-127.4 133.1-133.4 135.1-135.4 **DANC** 116.2-116.4 1 1 7.1-117.4 121.1-121.4 128.1-128.4 130.1-130.4 140.1-140.4 151.1-151.4 167.1-167.4 **FITN** 116.1-116.4 134 201.1-201.4 220 225 226 301.1-301.4 332.1-332.4 334.1-334.4 335.1-335.4 336.1-336.4 **INDV** 121.1- 121.4 251.1-251.4 **TEAM** 105 111 116 118 119 135 150 158 165 171.1-171.4 180 182 186 192 193 194 202 **VARS** any VARSITY activity course ***The entire Area 7 is waived*** *for students who have received an associate's or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution; and for VETERANS of the US Armed Forces who have completed Basic Training and submitted their Joint Service Transcript (JST).* ***Area 7A Students with excused medical reasons that have a medical waiver*** *approved by the College Nurse and filed in the Office of Admissions and Records can complete 3 units in Area 7A OR, in lieu of 7A PE ACTIVITY courses,* ***must complete 3 units in 7B to complete this area.*** **7B Personal Development courses**: **ACTG** 119 **BIOL** 310 311 **BUS** 101 201 **CIS** 110 **COUN** 103 111 114 115 120 124 128 240 **CRER** 100 126 127 155 **COMM** C1004 (formerly 130) 140 150 **ETHN** 122 123 **HSCI** 100 **GBST** 650 **IDST** 110 **KINE** 135 136 **LCTR** 240 **LIBR** 100 **PSYC** 320

AREA 8 **American History & Institutions, CA State and Local Government (AH&I)**	**1 course (minimum one 3-unit course)** **HIST** C1001 (formerly 201) C1002 (formerly 202) 260 261 262 310 **POLS** C1000 (formerly PLSC 200) 210 310