

Proposed Addition to
Kern Community College District Board Policy Manual
Section – Four – Students Instructional

Governance Process:

Reason for Revision: To Establish District Policy

4D **Graduation** (Title 5, Sections 55800-55810, 55063; Education Code Section 66701, ~~66745-66749~~ 71066, 72285, and 78204). These graduation requirements are effective with the 2009-10 catalog. ~~(Revised December 17, 2009)~~

4D1 **Minimum Graduation Requirements**--To graduate from a District College, the student must meet the following requirements:

- 4D1A An Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree is awarded those who complete sixty (60) units of associate degree-applicable credit courses with at least a 2.0 grade point average in all courses undertaken at any accredited college. Each College shall implement and may expand the minimum graduation requirements and shall report such action to the governing board.
- 4D1B Twelve (12) units of the total must be completed in residence at the College that grants the degree.
- 4D1C Eighteen (18) units of study must be completed in a discipline, or from related disciplines, as listed in the Community Colleges *Taxonomy of Programs*. Each course counted in this section must be completed with a grade of “C” or better, or a “P” if the course is taken on a pass/no pass basis.
- 4D1D Eighteen (18) semester units of general education must be completed and shall include at least one (1) course in each of the following areas: (1) Natural Sciences, (2) Social and Behavioral Sciences, (3) Humanities, and (4) Language and Rationality. A course designated by each College as meeting the ~~Ethnic Studies~~ Multi-Cultural or Diversity requirement must be taken in at least one of these four (4) areas. Courses

counted to meet this general education requirement must be completed with a grade point average of 2.0 or better.

4D1E Students must demonstrate competence in reading, written expression, and mathematics through courses or examination as noted in Sections 4D1E1, 4D1E2, and 4D1E3 below.

4D1E1 Competence in written expression, shall be demonstrated by obtaining a satisfactory grade in an English course at the level of the course typically known as “Freshman Composition,” or another English course at the same level and with the same rigor, approved locally, or by achieving a score on an assessment instrument determined to be comparable to satisfactory completion of the specified English course.

4D1E2 Competence in mathematics shall be demonstrated by obtaining a satisfactory grade in a mathematics course at the level of the course typically known as “Intermediate Algebra,” or another mathematics course at the same level, with the same rigor and with “Elementary Algebra” as a prerequisite, approved locally, or by achieving a score on an assessment instrument determined to be comparable to satisfactory completion of the specified mathematics course.

4D1E3 Demonstrated competence in reading shall be locally determined.

4D1F Since an understanding of wellness is an important attribute of a generally educated person, and for the general population as well, students must develop an understanding of the human condition as an integrated being regarding health and wellness. This requirement will be met by a minimum three (3) unit combination of health related courses, and/or physical education activity course or courses, as determined by the Colleges, *excluding Associate in Arts degree for transfer and Associates in Science degrees for transfer pursuant to Education Code section 66746(b)(1)(A).*

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