



Fall 2022 Cuesta College Associate Degree AA/AS General Education and Graduation Requirements

This AA/AS General Education pattern and Graduation Requirements apply to students earning an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree at Cuesta. Students planning to earn an Associate Degree for Transfer (AS-T or AA-T) should follow the CSU GE or IGETC pattern.

A Cuesta College Associate degree (“Associate in Arts” or “Associate in Science”) is awarded after completion of the following:

- 60 semester/90 quarter credits of degree applicable course work, with at least 12 of the 60 earned at Cuesta College to meet “residency” requirements
- An overall grade point average of 2.0 in all degree applicable course work attempted
- Completion of a specified major/program of study, (program list available at <https://www.cuesta.edu/academics/index.html>)
- Completion of the Cuesta AA/AS General Education pattern and Cuesta Graduation Requirements listed on this document

Appropriate general education course work from other regionally accredited colleges or universities may be applied to this general education pattern. Certain Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and CLEP exams can also be applied to areas listed below, as appropriate. Consult a counselor for details.

Area A: Physical and Life Sciences. Complete one course. Underlined courses include a lab.

AGPS 241, 242; **ANTH** 201; **ASTR** *210; **BIO** *201A, *204, 205, 211, 212, 213, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224; **CHEM** *200 (form. *210FL), *201A, *211, *231; **EET** *213; **ENVS** 200; **GEOG** 201; **GEOL** *210, *211, 212, 220; **METE** *212; **NUTR** 210, 211; **OCEN** *210, **PHYS** *205A, *208A; **PSCI** *210, *211; **PSYC** *202

Area B: Social and Behavioral Sciences. Complete one course.

AGB *201; **ANTH** 202, <203, <220, 221, 225; **CDFS** 201; **COMM** <212, 230, 280; **CJ** 202; **ECON** 200 *201A, *201B; **EDUC/ETHN** <210; **FTVE** 221; **GEOG** 201 (through Sp’18 only), 202, 225; **GLST** 210, 220; **HDHS** 212, <213, 214, <215, <218, <219, **HDHS/ETHN** <230, <231, **HDHS** 270; **HIST** 203A, 203B, 204A, 204B, 207A, 207B, 210, **HIST** <212, <233, **HIST** <237, 260; **JOUR** 200; **LGL** <217; **POLS** 201, 202, 204, 205, 206, 209; **PSYC** *200, 201, 204, <206, *233; **SOC** 201A, 201B, <202, 204, **SOC**<206, **SOC**<208

Area C: Arts and Humanities. Complete one course.

ARCH 217, 218; **ASL** 201, *202; **ART** 200, 203, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, <211, 220, 221, 240A, 244, 270, 271, 280; **DRA** 200, 207, 214; **ENGL** *201B, *205, *206, *212A, *212B, **ENGL/ETHN** <*213, **ENGL** *215, *216, <*217, *231, *237, *242, *245A, *245B, *246A, *246B; **FR** 201, *202; **GER** 201, *202; **HDHS/ETHN** <235; **MUS** 201, 210, 235, 236, 237, 238; **PHIL** 205, 206, 209, 212, 213; **SPAN** 201, *202, *203, *204

Area D: Language and Rationality. Complete one course from D1 and D2.

Completion of Area D1 and D2 will also satisfy the “Competency” requirement in Reading/Written Expression, and in Analytical Thinking. A “C” grade or better is required in each area.

D1: Communication. Complete **ENGL** *201A

D2: Analytical Thinking. Complete one course chosen from **MATH** *126B, *127, *128, *220; *229, *230, *231, *232, *236, *242, *247, *255, *265A, *265B, *283, *287; **CIS** 201, 217, 231; **PHIL** 208.

Area E: American Institutions: Complete one course

HIST 207A, 207B; **POLS** 202 (these courses cannot be double counted for Area B)

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Health Education: Complete one course

HEED 202, 203, 208, or 210

HEED 203 or 208 will satisfy both the Health Education and the Diversity Requirement.

After successfully completing this requirement, students will be able to apply a breadth and depth of knowledge that is inclusive of all the dimensions of health, e.g., spiritual, environmental, social, mental and emotional, and physical. The scope and content of this health education course work provides the student with the knowledge and problem-solving skills essential to evaluate health literature, analyze personal health risks and promote lifestyle choices. This preparation empowers the student to make relevant choices applicable to their genetic, environmental, and health risk factors that ultimately optimize mind/body/spirit health over a lifetime.

The following degree or certificate will also satisfy the Health Education Requirement:

A.S., Nursing, Registered; C.A., Nursing, Registered (30 Credit Option); or possession of a DD214 (Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty)

Diversity: Complete one course. The “<” symbol denotes that the course will also satisfy a general education requirement.

ANTH <203, <220; ART <211; CDFS 215; COMM <212; CJ 224; <EDUC/ETHN <210; ENGL/ETHN <*213, ENGL <*217; HDHS <213, <215, <218, <219; HDHS/ETHN <230, <231, <235; HEED 203, 208; HIST <212, <233, HIST <237; LGL <217; NUTR 222; PSYC <206; SOC <202, SOC <206, SOC <208

HEED 203 or 208 will satisfy both the Diversity and the Health Education requirement.

After successfully completing the requirement, students will be able to identify, assess, and challenge biased assumptions and behaviors of individuals and societal institutions; analyze inter-group relations within categories of identity, such as race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, class, ability, nationality, or age; and examine struggles of non-dominant groups for power, justice, and access to resources. Complete one course:

The following degree or certificate will also satisfy the Diversity Requirement:

A.S., Nursing, Registered; C.A., Nursing, Registered (30 Credit Option), or possession of a DD214 (Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty)