**LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE**

**Associate Degree – General Education Requirements**

Student’s Name: ___________________________  Student ID: ___________________________

Counselor’s Signature: ___________________________  Date: ___________________________

General Education Requirements: Minimum of 21 semester units  
Major Requirements: Minimum of 18 units in a single or related field

**This form is subject to change each year.**

Each course counted towards the major or area of emphasis must be completed with a "C" (2.0 or equivalent) or better.

*Please see a counselor and check the college catalog for specific major requirements.*

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**AREA A**  
**NATURAL SCIENCES**  
3 Semester Units Minimum

- Anatomy 1; Anthropology 101, 103; Astronomy 1; Biology 3, 5, 6, 7, 20, 46; Chemistry 51, 101, 102, 211, 212; Earth Science 1; Environmental Science 1, 2; Geography 1, 5, 7, 14, 25; Geology 1, 2, 4; Microbiology 1, 20; Oceanography 1, 5; Physical Science 1, 4; Physics 5, 7, 37, 38; Physiology 1; Plant Science 103, 711, 757; Psychology 2

**AREA B**  
**SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS**  
6 Semester Units Minimum

- American Institutions (3 Semester Units Minimum)  
  - History 5, 11, 12, 41, 42, 43; Political Science 1

- Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 Semester Units Minimum)  
  - Accounting 1; Administration of Justice 1, 63, 180; African American Studies 2, 7; Anthropology 102, 103, 121, 132, 133; Business 1, 5, 6; Chicano 2, 4; Child Development 1; Communication Studies 122, 190; Economics 1, 2; Education 203, 204; Environmental Studies 101; Geography 2, 7, 14; Health 21; History 1, 2, 3, 5, 12, 37, 52; International Business 602, 603; Kinesiology 100; Law 1, 13; Political Science 2, 5, 7, 9, 19, 20, 50; Psychology 11, 14, 41; Sociology 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 12, 19, 23, 45; Supervision 1, 6, 12

**AREA C**  
**HUMANITIES**  
3 Semester Units Minimum

- American Sign Language 1, 2, 3; Anthropology 104; Art 101, 102, 103, 104, 201, 213, 300, 307, 501, 502; Art History 126, 130, 140; Communication Studies 130; English 1, 2; Communication Studies 130; English 111, 127, 211, 212, 213, 215, 223, 234, 240; French 1; Humanities 1, 2, 6, 31; Music 101, 111, 116, 141, 650; Philosophy 1; Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 14, 24; Theater 100, 110, 114, 130, 231, 240, 270, 271, 291, 300

**AREA D**  
**LANGUAGE AND RATIONALITY**  
6 Semester Units Minimum

- English Composition (3 Semester Units Minimum)  
  - English 28, 101*, Journalism 101

- Communication and Analytical Thinking (3 Semester Units Minimum)  
  - Communication Studies 101, 104, 121, 122, 151, 190; Computer Science 601, 607, English 102, 103; Library Science 101; Math 115, 122, 125*, 134*, 216, 227, 228B, 230, 235, 236, 240, 245, 260, 265, 266, 267, 270, 275; Philosophy 8; Psychology 91, 92; Supervision 4

**AREA E**  
**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY**  
3 Semester Units Minimum

- Health Education  
  - Note: Health 2 includes the physical education activity  
  - Family and Consumer Science 21; Health 2, 8, 11, 12, 15, 21, 48, 101; Kinesiology Major 100, 117

- Physical Education Activity  
  - Dance Studies 301-816; Dance Techniques 111-211; Kinesiology 180-419; Kinesiology Athletics 504, 508, 552; Kinesiology Major 101, 134

*Military Credit awarded for Area E with acceptable documentation; Nursing students are exempt from Health

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**COMPETENCY MET:** English: Course ___________  Exam ___________  /  Math: Course ___________  Exam ___________

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The Los Angeles Southwest College Associate Degree Common Requirements: Title 5: 55063
2. General Education Requirement: (LACCD BOARD RULES - CH. VI, ARTICLE II)
For every major, you must complete a series of courses that make up the general education requirement of the degree. While a course might satisfy more than one general education requirement, it may not be counted more than once for these purposes. A course may be used to satisfy both a general education requirement and a major requirement.

3. Major Requirement: (LACCD BOARD RULES - CH. VI, ARTICLE II)
In addition to the general education requirements, each degree requires a major. Effective for students admitted to a community college for the fall 2009 term, or any term thereafter, each course counted toward the major requirement must be completed with a grade of "C" or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis. A course may be used to satisfy both a general education requirement and a major requirement.

4. Scholarship Requirement: (LACCD BOARD RULES - CH. VI, ARTICLE II)
A minimum "C" (2.0) cumulative grade point average in all courses used toward the degree. Effective for all students admitted for the Fall 2009 term or any term thereafter, each course counted toward the major requirements must be completed with a grade of "C" or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis.

5. Degree Requirement: (LACCD BOARD RULES - CH. VI, ARTICLE II)
Students must complete no fewer than 12 units at the college conferring the degree. When the same major is offered at multiple colleges in the LACCD, the degree shall be conferred by the college where the student has taken the majority (greater than 50.0%) of units in the major.

6. Competency Requirement: (LACCD ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS - E-79)
Mathematics Competency
The competency requirement in mathematics for the Associate Degree may be met by completion of any of the following:

(1) Verification of passing with a grade of C or P or higher any course from a California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Course Basic (CB) Code of “One Level Below Transfer” or higher with a TOP code beginning with 17.

(2) Verification of passing with a grade of C- or higher a mathematics course at or above the level of the course typically known as Intermediate Algebra or the equivalent from any United States regionally accredited secondary or post-secondary institution.

(3) Verification of passing with a grade of C or P or higher a California Community College course that meets the California State University General Education Breadth (CSUGE Breadth) requirement in Area B4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and/or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) in Area 2A: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning.

(4) Achieving a satisfactory score (using a DAS-approved scoring-method) on a DAS-approved District Mathematics Competency Examination.

(5) Achieving a satisfactory score on an external examination (such as, but not limited to an Advanced Placement Exam) as specified in LACCD Administrative Regulations.

Written Expression Competency
The competency requirement in written expression for the Associate Degree may be met by completion of any of the following:

(1) Verification of passing with a grade of C or P or higher Freshman Composition from any California Community College or the equivalent from any United States regionally accredited institution with a grade of C- or higher.

(2) Verification of passing with a grade of C or P or higher a California Community College course that meets the California State University General Education Breadth (CSUGE Breadth) requirement in Area A2: Written Communication and/or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) in Area 1A: English Composition

(3) Achieving a satisfactory score on an external examination (such as, but not limited to an Advanced Placement Exam) as specified in LACCD Administrative Regulations.

Students who maintain continuous catalog rights (as defined in Board Rule 6203) may satisfy competency according to the requirements stated in college catalogs pursuant to relevant Board Rules and Administrative Regulations from the first term under those rights until the term all graduation requirements have been met or any intervening term.

Transfer Students
Completing the Associate Degree does not necessarily meet the university-admission requirements for transfer. An Associate Degree is not a requirement for transfer to either the CSU or UC campuses. Private and out-of-state colleges and universities have unique transfer requirements. However, if you would like to transfer to a university and earn an associate degree, early educational planning can make this goal achievable. You should meet with a counselor early in your studies to develop an Educational Plan that fulfills both transfer requirements and associate degree requirements.

Procedure for requesting the degree:
You must file a Graduation Petition for the degree in the Counseling Office. Please check the Schedule of Classes for deadlines. If you have completed coursework at other schools that you believe meets some of your degree requirements, you may petition for course substitution with a Los Angeles Southwest College counselor.

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