



Santa Fe College Rules Manual

Title: **Degree and Certificate Requirements: Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Baccalaureate, Technical Certificate, Applied Technology Diploma, and Vocational Certificate** **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 Technical Certificate, Applied Technology Diploma, and Vocational Certificate.

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

- Earn at least a 2.0 GPA at Santa Fe College and maintain an average GPA of 2.0 from all colleges previously attended.
 - 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. Complete the basic requirements of the general education program.
2. Complete at least 60 semester hours of credit in a prescribed course of study, including general education courses specified in the College Catalog.
3. Complete a minimum of 25% of the semester hours for the degree at Santa Fe College.

4. Complete the minimum requirements for the college-level communication and computation skills adopted by the State Board of Education.
5. Demonstrate competency in communication, quantitative and scientific reasoning, information literacy, critical thinking, and global socio-cultural responsibility.

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. Complete 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:

Humanities/Fine Arts
Mathematics/Natural Sciences
Social/Behavioral Sciences

3. Demonstrate competency in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and the basic use of computers.
4. Complete a minimum of 25% of the semester hours for the degree at Santa Fe College.
5. Complete an adequate number of semester hours with appropriate prerequisites in courses above the elementary level.

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. Complete 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:

Humanities/Fine Arts
Mathematics/Natural Sciences
Social/Behavioral Sciences

3. Demonstrate competency in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and the basic use of computers.
 4. Complete 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 through either two sequential years of high school instruction or 8 sequential credits at the college level.
 3. Completion of a minimum of 36 semester hours of general education coursework, consistent with the Associate of Arts requirements.
 4. Completion of a minimum of 25% of the semester hours at Santa Fe College.
- E. Technical Certificate (T.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. 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.
- G. Vocational Certificate (V.C.): A program of instruction consisting of postsecondary adult vocational (PSAV) courses to prepare for entry into employment. Students must meet specific basic skills requirements in English, mathematics, and writing.

The college will not issue an official diploma, certificate, or transcript to graduates until all fees are paid and all financial obligations are discharged.

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