

ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Unit and Scholarship Requirement**—Students must satisfactorily complete 60 or more units of coursework which will satisfy all graduation requirements. This means either credit earned on a Pass/No Pass basis or cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for credit earned on a grading scale basis for all college coursework attempted and for all Southwestern College course work attempted, regardless of applicability.
2. **Coursework Requirements**—All coursework required for the major requires minimum grade of 'C' or better or a "P" if the course is taken on a "pass-no pass" basis.
3. **Residency Requirements**—The student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 12 degree-applicable units to satisfy degree requirements at Southwestern College.
4. **Major Requirements**—Students must declare a major in order for a degree to be conferred. Majors are programs of 18 or more units of coursework selected from courses transferable to the California State University System. A student may be enrolled for one or more semesters without declaring a specific major. He/she may also change majors. The requirements for the major will be determined by the catalog in effect during the semester in which the student declared or changed the major or any subsequent catalog within periods of continuous enrollment. All major requirements must be completed using the same catalog.
5. **Associate Degree**—Completion of an associate degree is satisfied through successful completion of a minimum of 18 units of general education and at least 18 units in a major or area of emphasis. The overall units needed to satisfy an associate degree is 60 and all coursework must be approved through the college curriculum process and be printed in the college catalog.
6. **Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)**—The California Community Colleges ADT to the California State University (CSU) as per the Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) Act (SB 1440-Padilla) are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. These may include Associate in Arts (AA-T) or Associate in Science (AS-T) degrees. California Community College students who are awarded an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or campuses.

Students who have been awarded an AA-T or AS-T are able to complete their remaining requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60 semester or 90 quarter units.

To view the most current list of Southwestern College Associate Degrees for Transfer and to find out which CSU campuses accept each degree, please go to www.sb1440.org. Current and prospective community college students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to review their options for transfer and to develop an educational plan that best meets their goals and needs.