

Double Counting Rule

Reference: Title V, Section 55063 C

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 or area of emphasis requirement. Whether it may be counted again for a different degree requirement is a matter for each college to determine. Students may use the same course to meet a general education requirement for the associate degree and to partially satisfy a general education requirement at the California State University, if such course is accepted by that system to satisfy a general education requirement.

Gavilan College Graduation Requirements

An associate degree (A.A. or A.S.) at Gavilan College can be achieved by completing a combination of general education courses and a specific major selected from the Gavilan Catalog. A minimum of 60 degree-applicable units (courses numbered 1-299) are required to earn a degree at Gavilan College.

To be eligible for graduation a student must:

1. Complete a minimum of 60 overall units, to include major course requirements, general education, and electives when necessary to add up to 60 total units. A student may select any of the options below to satisfy the general education requirements:
 - Option A: Gavilan College A.A./A.S. General Education Pattern.
 - Option B: The California State University (CSU-GE Breadth) Pattern.
 - Option C: The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Pattern.

All three patterns above lead to an associate degree. Two are transfer level patterns (CSU-GE Breadth and IGETC), and one designed for those students who may not be interested in transferring to a university. It is possible to complete an A.A./A.S. degree while also preparing for transfer. Consult a counselor for details.

To earn a Certificate a student must complete only major course requirements.

2. Complete all major/certificate requirement courses with a grade of "C" or better in each course.
3. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 ("C") or higher for all work attempted. A grade of "C" or better is also

required in each course in Area A and Area B-4 (mathematics), of the general education pattern.*

4. Complete the last 12 units or have completed 48 units at Gavilan College.
5. Complete a graduation petition for each associate degree, Certificate of Achievement, Certificate of Proficiency and award of achievement they wish to receive. These petitions must be filed with the Admissions and Records office by mid-April for spring or summer graduation and mid-October for fall graduation.

General Education Reciprocity Agreement

The Gavilan Community College District has entered into a mutual agreement with seven other community Colleges to accept the general education of these colleges.

The participating colleges are:

Chabot College (Hayward), De Anza College (Cupertino), Evergreen Valley College (San Jose), Foothill College (Los Altos Hills), Gavilan College (Gilroy), Las Positas (Livermore), Mission College (San Jose), Ohlone College (Fremont), San Jose City College (San Jose), West Valley College (Saratoga)

Only the colleges listed above participate in this agreement and these agreements are subject to change. Check with a counselor.

Students who obtain a Certification of Completion of Associate Degree General Education or complete an associate degree at any of the participating colleges will have both their general education course work and graduation proficiencies accepted as completed at any one of the participating campuses. No additional general education course work will be required if the certification is officially presented. Students will still be required to complete all major courses and prerequisites needed for a degree.

To obtain a Certification of Gavilan College General Education:

1. Request a General Education Certification from the Gavilan College Admissions and Records Office.
2. If transcripts are to be used from other colleges, official copies must be on file with the Records Office.
3. A copy of the certification will be given to the student.
4. Gavilan College will honor the certification presented from the participating colleges only if it is transmitted in the same manner as an official transcript. Student copies will not be honored.