Associate in Science

The associate in science degree is designed to include a general education component and electives and courses in a major field which often emphasize career preparation. An associate in science program may be a transfer program, depending on the specific objectives of the program.

Associate in Applied Science

The associate in applied science degree includes a general education component and is designed to prepare for immediate employment in a specialized career field.

(Adopted May 15, 1987)

3.3.3 Associate Degrees: Semester Credit Hour Requirements

A minimum of sixty semester credit hours and a maximum of sixty-eight semester credit hours are required in an approved program for an associate degree.

College plans to seek program accreditation by a national specialized accrediting body shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for recognition and approval, within either the original program application or a separate request.

(Adopted April 22, 1968; amended December 20, 1993; and June 20, 1996)

3.3.4 Associate Degrees - Definition of General Education Component

The general education component of associate degree programs shall include a balanced distribution of required courses or restricted electives in the humanities, arts, natural and physical sciences, mathematics, and social sciences, comprising at least one third of the minimum requirements for the degree. All courses which are available to the general college population for enrollment shall be considered in the calculation of the general education component.

(Adopted May 18, 1987)