

## GRADUATION

The associate in arts or the associate in science degree shall be conferred by the Board of Trustees of the Kern Community District upon a Bakersfield College student who has satisfactorily completed the requirements. These requirements are consistent with those prescribed by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and the Board of Trustees of the Kern Community College District.

Students must complete candidacy for graduation requests at the beginning of the semester in which they plan to graduate. They will be notified whether or not they meet the graduation requirements. Filing periods for graduation candidacy requests are: August 1 through November 1 for December graduation, January 1 through April 1 for May graduation and June 1 through July 1 for August graduation.

Commencement ceremonies are held once each year in May. Students who complete their degree requirements during the fall, summer or spring prior to the ceremony or who will complete them in the following summer are eligible to participate.

### General Requirements

1. Educational Planning: Completion of a designated course and a student education plan within the first 15 units at Bakersfield College. Choose from the following:

Agriculture: AGRI B10.

Applied Science and Technology: INDT B10.

Business: BSAD B20

FACE: CHDV B54; FDSV B50.

Foreign Language: ENSL B11

Physical Science: ARCH B1; ENGR B48.

Student Development: STDV B1, B2, B3, B4, B6, B201

2. Minimum of 60 degree applicable units, with at least a 2.0 grade point average.
3. Minimum 12 units in residence completed at Bakersfield College.
4. Completion of the required courses of a designated major.
5. Competency Requirements:
  - a. Composition: completion of English B1 with a minimum grade of "C" and satisfactory completion of Competency Examination; or placement into English B1a by Essay Placement Test and completion of English B1a with a minimum grade of "D."
  - b. Mathematics: one year of high school algebra or MATH BA with a minimum grade of "C"; or an equivalent score on the Placement/Assessment.

- c. Reading: a satisfactory score on the Bakersfield College Placement/Assessment, a satisfactory grade in ACDV B50, or a satisfactory score on the Bakersfield College Reading Proficiency Test.

6. Completion of General Education Requirements. This requirement may be completed by following the BC General Education Specific Requirements, or California State University General Education Breadth, or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum. (See General Education Requirements).
7. Completion of one course meeting the Multicultural Requirement.

### Liberal Arts Major-Associate Degree

The Liberal Arts major at Bakersfield College is designed to provide students with the opportunity to earn an associate in arts degree in a broad area of study. The major is interdisciplinary and allows students to develop a variety of skills transferable to numerous occupations and fields of study. The major is intended to provide general knowledge and to develop the intellectual capacities, such as reasoning and judgment, as opposed to professional or vocational skills. This major is suitable for transfer students preparing for upper division study in a variety of fields in the liberal arts and for those students undecided as to major or further study. Students may satisfy requirements for the Liberal Arts major at Bakersfield College by completing one of the three options listed below. With any option selected, students must also complete all graduation requirements for Bakersfield College including a total of 60 degree applicable units with an overall grade point average of 2.00. Options for completing a Liberal Arts Major:

1. Completion of 18 units in the Liberal Arts and Sciences beyond those used to satisfy Bakersfield College general education requirements. These courses must be designated as Liberal Arts and Sciences under the Bakersfield College Course Classification System (CCS); see course descriptions for specific designations. No course work may be double counted as meeting both BC General Education and major requirements.
2. Completion of the California State University General Education transfer requirements.
3. Completion of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

### Liberal Studies Major

The Liberal Studies major is designed for students interested in teaching as a profession. Requirements for this major may be satisfied by various educational tracks. For specific information, students are advised to consult with a counselor.

### **Double Majors**

A single associate degree which designates gradation in two majors may be granted if all requirements for both majors are satisfied and an appropriate application for graduation is completed by the filing date. The application for graduation must specifically request a double major designation, identify the majors, and, if needed, specify the type of degree to be granted.

The degree granted—associate in arts or associate in science—will depend on the major programs completed. If one program leads to an AA and the other an AS, the degree AA or AS will be selected by the student.

### **Additional Associate Degrees**

An associate in arts or associate in science degree will be awarded to those already possessing an associate or higher degree if:

1. All requirements in a different major from that of previous associate or higher degree are satisfied; and
2. All general education requirements in effect when beginning the new degree program are satisfied; and
3. At least 12 units, subsequent to the granting of any previous degree, are taken at Bakersfield College; and
4. The student is enrolled at Bakersfield College during the semester in which the degree requirements are completed.

Generally, only one associate in arts degree, except as required for licensing and/or retraining, may be earned at Bakersfield College. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Vice President of Instruction. Additional associate in science degrees may be earned.