

Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates

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References:	Education Code Section 70902(b)(3); Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq.

Sierra Joint Community College District grants the degrees of Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Arts for Transfer, and Associate in Science for Transfer to those students who have completed the subject requirements for graduation and who have maintained a 2.0 average in subjects attempted. Students must also complete the general education, residence, and competency requirements set forth in Title 5 regulations. In addition, the District grants Certificates of Achievement and Skills Certificates. Students may be awarded a Certificate of Achievement upon successful completion of a minimum of 16 or more semester units of degree-applicable coursework designed as a pattern of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities that may be oriented to career or general education.

The Superintendent/President shall, in consultation with the Academic Senate, establish procedures to determine degree and certificate requirements. The procedures shall assure that graduation requirements are published in the District’s catalog and included in other resources that are convenient and accessible to students.

Catalog Rights

Catalog rights permit students who are continuously enrolled at the institution to select the catalog year the student will follow for general education and degree/certificate requirements provided the catalog selected is one of the following:

- 1) The catalog in effect at the time of initial enrollment at Sierra College or any year thereafter, as long as continuous enrollment has been maintained;
- 2) The catalog in effect at the intended semester/session of graduation; or
- 3) The catalog in effect at the time the student first enrolled at a California community college, a California state University, a University of California campus, and/or a regionally accredited institution of higher education, as long as continuous enrollment has been maintained.

Catalog rights do not apply to entrance requirements for programs (e.g., Nursing)

See Administrative Procedure 4100.