

Certificates and Degrees

Students have many different goals in mind when they enroll at Bakersfield College. You may plan to earn a certificate to enhance your job skills or earn an associate degree and/or transfer to a four-year university. Bakersfield College offers several certificate and degree options. See these options under [Educational Options](#).

Graduation with an Associate Degree

The awarding of an associate degree is intended to represent more than an accumulation of units. It symbolizes a successful attempt on the part of the college to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights:

- the ability to think and communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing
- the ability to solve problems and use mathematics
- understanding of the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines
- awareness of other cultures and times
- achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems
- develop the capability for self-understanding

In addition to these accomplishments, the student shall possess sufficient depth in some field of knowledge to contribute to lifetime interest. (Title V)

The associate degree shall be conferred by the Board of Trustees of the Kern Community College 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.

General Requirements

1. Completion of 60 degree applicable units, with a C (2.0) grade point average or better.
2. Completion of at least 12 of the 60 units at Bakersfield College.
3. Completion of an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) Program of Study offered at Bakersfield College. Required courses of the program must be completed with a grade of C or better.
- ~~4. Competency Requirements:~~
 - ~~a. Composition: Successful completion of ENGL B1A, ENGL B1AL, EMLS B1A or EMLS B1AL with a grade of C or better.~~
 - ~~b. Mathematics: Successful completion of two years of high school algebra or MATH B1A, B1AL, B1B, B2, B4A, B6A, B6B, B6C, B22, B22L, B23, B26, B27, PSYC B5, TECM B40 with a grade of C or better. Note: For previous catalog rights, MATH BD, B70, 72, 75, TECM B52 or the equivalent is also accepted.~~
 - ~~c. Reading: Successful completion of ENGL B1A, ENGL B1AL, EMLS B1A or EMLS B1AL with a grade of C or better.~~
- 5.4. Complete one of the following General Education Patterns.
 - a. Bakersfield College General Education, or
 - a.b. California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)
 - b.c. California State University General Education Breadth, or
 - c.d. Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).
(See ~~General Education Requirements~~General Education Requirements)
- 6.5. Completion of at least one course that meets the Multicultural, Diversity, or Ethnic Studies Requirement with a grade of C or better.

Multicultural Requirement

~~Courses in this category will include a multicultural, diversity, or ethnic studies focus promoting awareness of and sensitivity to diverse beliefs and practices in contemporary society. Students must complete a minimum of three (3) units of coursework in this category. The Multicultural, Diversity, or Ethnic Studies Requirement may be used to meet a major or general education requirement for the Associate degree.~~

Graduation

Completing Degrees, Certificates and

Transfer at BC

Graduation from Bakersfield College is not automatic. Students do not automatically receive a degree or certificate upon completion of all program requirements and must submit a petition to begin the evaluation process. You must complete a Graduation Petition and send to Bakersfield College Admissions and Records. Graduation Petitions can be submitted by email to BCrecords@kccd.edu **from your Bakersfield College email account.**

You may still petition to graduate even if you are completing transfer coursework at another institution, ensure you submit official transcripts for evaluation when final grades are posted. Some transfer students may be eligible to receive a Liberal Arts Associate degree. Missing or incomplete transcripts delay the evaluation process or

denial of the graduation petition. Submit your petition to graduate as soon as possible to ensure participation in the annual commencement.

Graduation Petitioning Periods

Semester	Graduation Application Deadline
Fall	April 1 to end of fall semester
Spring	August 1 to end of spring semester
Summer	November 1 to end of summer semester

You are encouraged to meet with your counselor or advisor if you have questions about academic program requirements. Students who submit a Graduation Petition to the Office of Admissions and Records in a timely manner, will receive a preliminary graduation check of requirements needed for graduation.

Transcripts from Other Colleges

All official college transcripts or other appropriate verifying documents must be on file with Bakersfield College for the Office of Admissions and Records to review applications and determine eligibility. For more information, see [Credits Allowed from Other Institutions](#).

Multiple Degrees

An associate of arts or associate of 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. The student is enrolled at Bakersfield College during the semester in which the degree requirements are completed.