

## GCCCD Equivalency Criteria

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has consistently supported the following basic principles for granting equivalency:

- Equivalent to the minimum qualifications means *equal to* the minimum qualifications, not nearly equal.
- The applicant must provide evidence of attaining coursework or experience equal to the general education component of a regular associate or bachelor's degree.
- The applicant must provide evidence of attaining the skills and knowledge provided by specialized course work required for a master's degree (for disciplines on the Master's List) or requisite experience or coursework (for disciplines on the Non-Master's List).

The Academic Senate believes that faculty members must exemplify to their students the value of an education that is both well-rounded and specialized.

References: Education Code §§ 87359 and 87360

**Please select your college and the appropriate box (1 or 2) below.**

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1. The discipline criteria listed below have been reviewed and agreed upon by discipline experts at both colleges.

2. We have no discipline counterpart at the other college.

**List the discipline equivalency criteria below (attach an additional sheet if necessary):**

**Option A:**

Master's Degree in a discipline other than those listed in the minimum qualifications if that applicant has a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and has completed at least one year of course work toward a Master's Degree in Communication and completed a major research project or presented a paper at a recognized Communication Conference (like NCA or WSCA, for example).

**Option B:**

Master's Degree in a discipline other than those listed in the minimum qualifications if that applicant has published articles or other texts that have been widely cited in scholarly journals and/or other texts within the Communication discipline.

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