

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:

- Bachelor's degree (preferably in related discipline)
AND
- 18 semester units of graduate-level coursework in geology, geophysics, earth sciences, meteorology, oceanography, or paleontology
AND
- One of the following:
 1. a minimum of one (1) year of direct, discipline-specific work experience
 2. a minimum of one (1) academic year of supervised discipline-specific research and written work similar to that of a master's thesis.

Option B:

- Bachelor's degree in geology, geophysics, earth sciences, meteorology, oceanography, or paleontology
AND
- Master's degree (unspecified) with thesis requirement
AND
- 12 semester units of graduate-level in geology, geochemistry, geophysics, earth sciences, meteorology, oceanography, physics, physical geography, or paleontology.

Option C:

- Bachelor's degree in geology, geophysics, earth sciences, meteorology, oceanography, or paleontology
AND
- One of the following:
 1. a minimum of five (5) years of direct, discipline-specific work experience and evidence of graduate-level written work
 2. a minimum of five (5) academic years of supervised discipline-specific research and written work similar to that of a master's thesis.

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