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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| □ CC □ GC Discipline Name: Ethnic Studies Contact Name: Tom Gamboa Ext7529 |
| ☐ 1. The discipline criteria listed below have been reviewed and agreed upon by discipline experts at both colleges. |
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| List the discipline equivalency criteria below (attach an additional sheet if necessary): |
| Option A: Master's degree in any subject area in the Humanities and Social/Behavioral Sciences field. |
| Option B: Master's degree (unspecified) AND A minimum of 12 upper division units in a related discipline |
| Option C: Bachelor's degree in any related discipline AND A minimum of five (5) years of direct, discipline-related work experience and evidence of graduate-level written work or projects. |
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