

## 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 in related discipline  
**AND**
- 18 semester units of graduate-level coursework in geology, earth sciences, meteorology, geography, or GIS  
**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 geography  
**AND**
- Master's degree (unspecified) with thesis requirement  
**AND**
- 18 semester units of graduate-level coursework in geology, earth sciences, meteorology, geography, history, or GIS

**Option C:**

- Bachelor's degree in geology, earth sciences, meteorology, geography, or GIS  
**AND**
- One of the following:
  1. a minimum of five (5) years of direct, discipline-specific work experience to include 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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