

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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GC Discipline Name: Humanities

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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):

A Master's degree in one of the four areas of the humanities listed below, and some upper division and/or graduate course work in at least one of the remaining three areas. It is allowable for some or all of these courses to have been taken as part of the above-mentioned Master's degree, so long as they fall within the stipulated range of areas listed below.

- **Area 1: Visual Arts and Performing Arts** (Art, Art History; Music, Musicology; Drama/Theater Arts; and similar disciplines/degrees)
- **Area 2: History** (Note: The specific histories of the disciplines of art, music, theater, literature, philosophy, theology, etc. are excluded from Area 2 because they are assumed to be included already in one of the other three areas.)
- **Area 3: Literature** (e.g., Classics, Comparative Literature, English, Foreign Language Literature, Writing, and similar disciplines/degrees)
- **Area 4: Philosophical Studies** (Philosophy, Religious Studies, Theology, and similar disciplines/degrees)

OR

An interdisciplinary Master's degree in the humanities areas that includes upper division and/or graduate course work in at least two of the above-listed four areas. It is allowable for some or all of these courses to have been taken as part of the above-mentioned Master's degree, so long as they fall within the stipulated range of areas listed above.

The respective content expert(s) will determine the classification of coursework or degrees in instances where the disciplinary area is not self-evident from the transcript.

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