DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

English Communication and Literature Degree

This degree provides an area of emphasis in verbal and written communication skills, along with the study of literature. It offers a general background in communication skills which can be used in the work place. Students who work closely with their counselor can also use this area of emphasis to prepare for majoring at a four-year college in English Composition, Literature and Communication.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- apply the elements of style in writing.
- identify premises, both explicitly stated and implied.
- maximize communication effectiveness by planning and adapting to specific audiences.
- write analytically about literature.
- examine fiction as a reflection of the authors' cultures and values.

Requirements for Degree 18 Units

A minimum of 18 units from the following:

- ENGWR 300 College Composition and Literature (3)
- or ENGWR 481 Honors College Composition and Literature (3)
- ENGWR 302 Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking (3)
- or ENGWR 482 Honors Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking (3)
- ENGWR 303 Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking Through Literature (4)
- SPEECH 301 Public Speaking (3)
- SPEECH 331 Group Discussion (3)
- SPEECH 361 The Communication Experience (3)

And a minimum of 3 units from the following:

- ENGLT 300 Introduction to Fiction (3)
- ENGLT 304 Introduction to Poetry (3)
- ENGLT 308 The Graphic Novel and Manga (3)
- ENGLT 310 English Literature I (3)
- ENGLT 311 English Literature II (3)
- ENGLT 320 American Literature (3)
- ENGLT 321 American Literature II (3)
- ENGLT 327 Literature of California (3)
- ENGLT 328 Native American Literature (3)
- ENGLT 340 World Literature I (3)
- ENGLT 341 World Literature II (3)
- ENGLT 345 Mythologies of the World (3)
- ENGLT 360 Women in Literature (3)
- ENGLT 370 Children and Literature (3)
- ENGLT 378 Young Adult Literature (3)
- ENGLT 380 Introduction to Shakespeare (3)
- ENGLT 382 Introduction to Dramatic Literature (3)
- ENGLT 392 Science Fiction and Fantasy (3)
- ENGLT 403 Film Adaptations (3)
- SPEECH 302 Persuasive Speech (3)
- SPEECH 311 Argumentation and Debate (3)
- SPEECH 321 Interpersonal Communication (3)

Degrees:

- A.A. - English Communication and Literature
- A.A. - History of Creative Arts
- A.A. - The Individual and Society

Certificates:

- CSU General Education Honors Transfer
- Intersegmental General Education Transfer (IGETC)

And a minimum of 3 units from the following:

- Arts: English Communication and Literature
- English Composition Literature
- Interdisciplinary Studies

A minimum of 3 additional units chosen from either of the groups of courses listed above.

Associate Degree Requirements: The English Communication and Literature Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

History of the Creative Arts Degree

This degree provides an area of emphasis in the history of art, fashion, music and theatre. It is intended for students who wish to work in the creative arts. Students who work closely with their counselor can also use this area of emphasis to prepare for majoring at a four-year college in Art, Music, Theatre and Humanities.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- recognize the role of the arts in society.
- analyze the influences of social, political and ethnic issues on the arts.
- compare and contrast styles of artistic expressions.
- assess the historical, artistic, social, and philosophical environments in an artistic genre.

Requirements for Degree 18 Units

A minimum of 18 units from the following:

- ARTHM 300 Introduction to Art (3)
- ARTHM 302 Art: Stone Age Through the Middle Ages (3)
- ARTHM 308 Renaissance Tradition in Art (3)
- ARTHM 310 Modern Art (3)
- ARTHM 322 Art History of the Non-Western World (3)
- ARTHM 333 Introduction to Islamic Art (3)
- ARTHM 334 International Contemporary Art (3)
- ARTNM 305 History of Graphic Design (3)
- FASHN 330 History of Western World Fashion (3)
- HUM 300 Classical Humanities (3)
- HUM 301 Introduction to the Humanities (3)
- HUM 302 Global Humanities: Atheism in Creativity, Thought, and Inspiration Traditions (3)
- HUM 310 Modern Humanities (3)
- HUM 320 Asian Humanities (3)
- HUM 326 Middle Eastern Humanities (3)
- HUM 330 Humanities of the Americas (3)
- HUM 355 Introduction to World Religions (3)
- HUM 360 Introduction to the Old Testament (The Hebrew Bible) (3)
- HUM 365 Introduction to the New Testament (3)
- MUFHL 300 Introduction to Music (3)
- MUFHL 308 Introduction to Music: Rock & Roll (3)
- MUFHL 310 Survey of Music History and Literature (Greek Antiquity to 1750) (3)
- MUFHL 311 Survey of Music History and Literature (1750 to the present) (3)

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MUFHL 315 Jazz History (3)
MUFHL 330 World Music (3)
TA 300 Introduction to the Theatre (3)
TA 302 History and Theory of the Theatre I (3)
TA 303 History and Theory of the Theatre II (3)
TA 306 Diversity in American Drama (1960 to Present) (3)
TA 310 Introduction to Film (3)
TA 312 History of Film (3)
TA 314 History of Film: 1880's through 1950's (3)
TA 315 History of Film: 1950's to Present (3)
TA 318 Diversity in American Film (3)
TA 320 Cinema Genres (3)

Requirements for Degree  
18 Units

A minimum of 18 units from the following: ........................................... 18

ANTH 310 Cultural Anthropology (3)
ANTH 319 Visual Anthropology; Introduction to Ethnographic Film (3)
ANTH 320 Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory (3)
ANTH 330 Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion (3)
ANTH 333 American Indians of California (3)
ANTH 334 Native Peoples of North America (3)
ANTH 336 Anthropology of Sex, Sexuality and Gender (3)
ANTH 341 Introduction to Linguistics (3)
ANTH 480 Honors Physical Anthropology (3)
ANTH 481 Honors Cultural Anthropology (3)
ECE 314 The Child, the Family and the Community (3)
ECE 330 Infant and Toddler Development (3)
ECE 404 Children with Special Needs (3)
ECE 430 Culture and Diversity in Early Childhood Education (3)
ECE 432 Leadership in Diversity (3)
PSYC 300 General Principles (3)
PSYC 305 Psychology Applied to Modern Life (3)
PSYC 320 Social Psychology (3)
PSYC 340 Abnormal Behavior (3)
PSYC 342 Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis (3)
PSYC 354 The Psychology of Family Life and Intimate Relationships in a Diverse Society (3)
PSYC 356 Human Sexuality (3)
PSYC 358 Principles of Interpersonal Relations (3)
PSYC 359 Stress Management and Health (3)
PSYC 361 Psychology of Women in a Multicultural Society (3)
PSYC 365 Issues of Diverse Populations (3)
or HSER 330 Issues of Diverse Populations (3)
PSYC 370 Human Development: A Life Span (3)
PSYC 372 Child Development (3)
or ECE 312 Child Development (3)
PSYC 373 Child Psychology (3)
PSYC 374 Psychology of Aging: Adult Development and Aging (3)
or GERON 302 Psychology of Aging: Adult Development and Aging (3)
PSYC 383 Introduction to Organizational Psychology (3)
PSYC 390 Psychology of Death and Dying (3)
PSYC 415 Studying in London: Psychological Elements of British Life and Culture (3)
PSYC 480 Honors General Principles (3)
PSYC 481 Honors Abnormal Behavior (3)
SOC 300 Introductory Sociology (3)
SOC 301 Social Problems (3)
SOC 309 Self and Society (3)
SOC 318 Introduction to Crime, Deviance, and Social Control (3)
SOC 320 Minorities in America (3)
SOC 325 Chicano Culture (3)
SOC 335 Sociology of Aging (3)
or GERON 300 Sociology of Aging (3)
SOC 342 Gender Relations in American Society (3)
SOC 350 Sociology of Popular Culture (3)
SOC 480 Introductory Sociology - Honors (3)

Associate Degree Requirements: The History of the Creative Arts Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

The Individual and Society Degree

This degree provides an area of emphasis in the effects of culture, religion, ethnicity, and gender on individuals living in a global society. It is designed for students wishing to work more effectively with others in the workplace. Students who work closely with their counselor can use this area of emphasis to prepare for majoring at a four-year college in Psychology, Sociology, Ethnic Studies, Women’s Studies and Child Development.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

• examine human diversity in relation to psychological theory.
• identify the consequences of ethnocentrism and gender bias on social interactions.
• analyze the influence of culture, family, society, and environment on an individual's development.
• analyze patterns of social problems which are based on ethnic and cultural differences in the United States.

Requirements for Degree  
18 Units

A minimum of 18 units from the following: ........................................... 18

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ANTH 319 Visual Anthropology; Introduction to Ethnographic Film (3)
ANTH 320 Introduction to Archaeology and World Prehistory (3)
ANTH 330 Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion (3)
ANTH 333 American Indians of California (3)
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CSU General Education Certificate

This certificate is designed for students planning to transfer to a California State University (CSU) campus. Completion of this certificate ensures that the student has met the lower division General Education requirements for all CSU campuses.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this certificate program, the student will be able to:

• explain the values of a culture as expressed through its art or language.
• demonstrate effective expository and persuasive writing skills.
• develop a reasoned solution to a problem.
• evaluate new and accepted ideas about the natural universe using testable methodology.
• evaluate the methods of inquiry and evidence used in the behavioral and social sciences.

Requirements for Certificate  
39 Units

A minimum of 39 units from the following: ........................................... 39

Students must complete a minimum of 39 units used to satisfy the CSU General Education requirements. See the CSU General Education patterns listed in the American River College (ARC) catalog or consult with an ARC counselor.
**Intersegmental General Education Transfer (IGETC) Certificate**

This certificate is designed for students planning to transfer to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus. It ensures that the student has met the lower division General Education/Breadth requirements for all CSU and UC campuses.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this certificate program, the student will be able to:

- explain the values of a culture as expressed through its art or language.
- demonstrate effective expository and persuasive writing skills.
- develop a reasoned solution to a problem.
- evaluate new and accepted ideas about the natural universe using testable methodology.
- evaluate the methods of inquiry and evidence used in the behavioral and social sciences.

**Requirements for Certificate**

34 - 37 Units

A minimum of 34 - 37 units from the following: 34-37

Students must complete a minimum of 34 - 37 units used to satisfy IGETC certification requirements. See the IGETC pattern in the American River College (ARC) catalog or consult with an ARC counselor.

**Honors Transfer Certificate**

The American River College (ARC) Honors Program is a community of students and faculty who are dedicated to the pursuit of intellectual and personal enrichment in a diverse and challenging academic environment. Students may earn the Honors Transfer Certificate by completing 15 units of approved Honors coursework. A maximum of 6 units of Honors coursework may be transferred from other colleges. Some courses may need to be petitioned. A total of 12 units of degree-applicable coursework must be earned at ARC to meet residency requirements. Most courses in the certificate fulfill requirements for the ARC A.A., A.S., A.A.-T., A.S.-T. degrees, the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), and the CSU General Education Certification Pattern. Check with an ARC counselor for exceptions.

Completion of the certificate with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better offers enhanced prospects for transfer to elite four-year schools and enables students to participate in ARC’s Transfer Alliance Partnership with UCLA. Honors students must meet with a counselor to ensure completion of ARC graduation and/or transfer requirements. In addition, Honors students should meet regularly with an Honors faculty advisor to ensure completion of the Honors certificate in a timely fashion.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this certificate program, the student will be able to:

- analyze the broad areas of human knowledge that contribute to purposeful and meaningful lives
- incorporate argumentative reasoning and logic involved in the process of advanced problem solving in an academic setting
- investigate advanced methods of inquiry and analysis employed in a variety of disciplines
- justify personal accomplishments as a highly motivated, self-directed individual in an advanced academic setting
- demonstrate cultural competence in a diverse academic setting

**Requirements for Certificate**

15 Units

A minimum of 15 units from the following: 15

- ANTH 480  Honors Physical Anthropology (3)
- ANTH 481  Honors Cultural Anthropology (3)
- ASTR 481  Honors Astronomy: Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology (4)
- BIOL 482  Honors Marine Biology (4)
- CISP 480  Honors Introduction to Structured Programming (5)
- ENGWR 480  Honors College Composition (3)
- ENGWR 481  Honors College Composition and Literature (3)
- ENGWR 482  Honors Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking (3)
- HIST 480  History of Western Civilization - Honors (3)
- HIST 481  History of Western Civilization - Honors (3)
- HIST 483  History of the United States - Honors (3)
- HIST 484  History of the United States - Honors (3)
- NUTRI 481  Honors - Cultural Foods of the World (3)
- POLS 481  Introduction to Government: United States - Honors (3)
- PSYC 480  Honors General Principles (3)
- PSYC 481  Honors Abnormal Behavior (3)
- SOC 480  Introductory Sociology - Honors (3)