

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

I. PURPOSE

Provides requirements and procedures whereby the degree of Associate of Applied Science (AAS) may be earned.

II. DEFINITION

Continuous enrollment is defined as ~~registering for at least one credit class during at least one session per academic Year~~ earning a minimum of three (3) semester credit hours in an academic term within a 12-month period..

III. POLICY

Applicants for the Associate of Applied Science degree must:

- A. Satisfy all conditions for admission to the college.
- B. Successfully complete the required course of study specified in the college catalog for one of the technical/occupational curricula leading to the AAS.
- C. Complete at least 15 semester hours of general-education core courses with at least one course in each of the following areas:
 1. Language, Philosophy, & Culture (Humanities) or Creative Arts (Performing/Visual Arts);
 2. Social & Behavioral Science or American History or Government/Political Science; and
 3. Math or Life & Physical Science with lab
- D. Satisfy the College's entrance requirements as prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- E. Earn a cumulative overall grade-point average of 2.0.
- F. Complete at least 25% of the semester hours at Wharton County Junior College.
- G. Meet all financial obligations to the college.

(POLICY APPROVAL: 6-18-97, Board of Trustees, amended 2-19-08, amended 8-19-14, amended 4-21-15)

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. A student nearing completion of the requirements for the degree completes an application for graduation form and submits it to the Office of Admissions and Registration. The application deadline is November 1 for December graduation, April 1 for May graduation and July 15 for August graduation. The commencement ceremony is held in May.
- B. ~~Students who have maintained continuous enrollment are subject to the requirements in effect at the time these students entered the institution, or they may elect to graduate under the requirements~~

~~in effect at the time of their graduation.~~

V. **GUIDELINES**

- A. Developmental courses do not apply to graduation requirements.
- B. In unusual cases the Vice President of Instruction may permit a student to waive a graduation requirement or to substitute another course for a required course.
- C. All financial, academic, and disciplinary obligations must be fulfilled.

VI. GRADUATION UNDER A PARTICULAR CATALOG

- A. Students must complete the requirements of their selected program of study contained in the catalog in effect at the time of the student's initial enrollment.
- B. Students have five years from the date of initial enrollment to complete all degree requirements, contingent upon maintaining continuous enrollment. After five years, students must, with the assistance of an academic advisor, select a newer catalog to follow.
- C. Students who do not maintain continuous enrollment for a period of 12 months or longer will follow the catalog requirements in effect upon their re-entry to the institution.
- D. Students wishing to change majors will follow the current catalog at the time the change of major goes into effect.

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