



REGULATIONS

REG No.: 781

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

I. PURPOSE

Provides requirements and procedures whereby the degree of Associate of Arts (AA) or the Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) 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 Arts or the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree must:

- A. Satisfy all conditions for admission.
- B. Successfully complete at least 60 semester hours of college-level courses.
- C. As part of the total 60-hour requirement, successfully complete 42 semester hours of core-curriculum requirements.
- D. Earn a cumulative overall grade-point average of 2.0.
- E. Complete a minimum of 25% of the semester hours at Wharton County Junior College.
- F. Meet all financial obligations to the college.

(POLICY APPROVAL: 9-20-95, Board of Trustees, amended 6-18-97, amended 1-15-08, amended 10-18-11, 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.~~

IV. 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.

A-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.

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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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