

Adult High School Diploma Requirements

The high school diploma may be awarded to students who have satisfactorily completed 160 credits, established residency at MiraCosta College, and demonstrated competence in reading, writing, and mathematics at a level generally accepted as appropriate for award of a high school diploma, as required by California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 55154, which includes specific requirements for high school diplomas issued by community colleges.

- A. The required 160 credits of high school level coursework must include the indicated minimum number of high school credits in each of the following areas:
1. English (30 credits)
 2. Mathematics (20 credits), including at least 5 credits in algebra
 3. Natural sciences: life and physical sciences (20 credits). Students must complete a minimum of 5 credits in life sciences and 5 credits in physical sciences.
 4. Humanities (10 credits)
 5. Social and behavioral sciences (30 credits)
 - a. American government (5 credits)
 - b. Economics (5 credits)
 - c. United States history (10 credits)
 - d. World history and geography (10 credits)
 6. Electives (50 credits)
- B. Competence in reading, writing, and mathematics must be demonstrated as follows:
1. Completion of 30 English credits.
 2. Completion of 20 math credits, including at least 5 in algebra.
- C. The residency requirement can be completed in any of the following ways:
1. Twenty (20) credits in Adult High School coursework.
 2. Twenty (20) credits in approved noncredit courses.
 3. Six (6) college semester units.
 4. An equivalent combination of the above.

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Noncredit Certificate Requirements

MiraCosta College offers the following noncredit career development or college preparation certificates:

- A. Noncredit certificate of competency: To obtain a noncredit certificate of competency, students must complete at least two noncredit courses in a prescribed pathway with a “D,” “P,” or better in each course. The awarding of a noncredit certificate of competency recognizes achievement of a set of competencies that prepares the student to progress in an academic career path of degree-applicable credit courses.

- B. Noncredit certificate of completion: To obtain a noncredit certificate of completion, students must complete at least two noncredit courses in a prescribed pathway with a “D,” “P,” or better in each course. The awarding of a noncredit certificate of completion recognizes completion of a noncredit educational program that prepares the student for improved employability or job opportunities.