

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### Associate's Degree

Grand Rapids Community College, like most other colleges and universities across the country, sets its own graduation requirements. The responsibility for fulfilling these requirements is the student's. It is therefore imperative that students familiarize themselves with the requirements.

Students must fulfill the **general requirements** regardless of the program they are in. A second set of requirements, referred to as the **general education** or **group distribution requirements**, is distributed over the subject areas of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics. Students must meet **both** sets of requirements to graduate with an associate's degree from GRCC.

**Students who intend to transfer to four-year colleges or universities to pursue a bachelor's degree must also know the requirements of the institution to which they plan to transfer. Satisfying GRCC requirements does not necessarily fulfill the requirements of the other institution. Proper planning makes it possible to satisfy GRCC requirements as well as those of the transfer institution.**

**Since some GRCC classes are not intended for transfer credit and since each senior college or university decides which courses it will accept for transfer credit, it must not be presumed that a student who has been awarded the Associate in Arts degree from GRCC will always be given junior status at the four-year college or university.**

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded an associate's degree at Grand Rapids Community College, students must:

1. Complete at least 62 credits of course work.
2. Complete at least 15 credits of course work at GRCC.
3. Have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 in all course work.
4. Have completed the following:
  - a. One Wellness (WE) credit is required of all students for graduation. Up to two (2) WE credits from the Health and Wellness Department may be included in the 62 credits. Additional Wellness Department credits may be included if they are required in an Academic Program. **Physical Education (PE) theory classes can be used as elective credits in associate's degree programs.**
  - b. Three credits of PS 110.
  - c. At least six credits of English composition are required for students matriculated for the Associate in Arts, Associate of Fine Arts in Fine Arts, Associate of Fine Arts in Photography, Associate in Music, Associate in Nursing, or Associate in Science degree. All students planning to transfer to a baccalaureate program are advised to take EN 101 and EN 102, or EN 100 and EN 102.
5. Have completed the Group Distribution Requirements appropriate to the degree for which they are matriculated. For this purpose, the following Groups are defined:

### ■ Group I – Humanities:

AR 111	MU 107, 109, 235, 236, 237
AT 105, 106, 270, 271	PL
EN (any 200 level)	PO 105
Foreign Language (except Occupational Spanish)	COM (formerly SC)
HU	SL
	TH 248

### ■ Group II – Social Sciences:

AN	HS
CJ 110, 111, 140, 235 236, 237	PS
EC	PY
GE	SO
GO 203, 261, 262, 263	SS
	SW 102, 103

### ■ Group III – Natural Sciences and Mathematics:

**Note: Courses identified as “non-lab” cannot be used to satisfy “laboratory science” requirements. Check Course Descriptions for additional lab and non-lab options.**

AS 102 (non-lab)	EL 132
AS 103	GE 132
BA 150, 254 (non-lab)	GL
BI (BI 125, 126, 171 & 232) (non-lab)	MA (any courses except MA 003) (non-lab)
CM (any courses except CM 100 and CM 102)	PC
CO 124, 127, 225, 227 (non-lab)	PH
	PY 281 (non-lab)
	TE 103, 104 (non-lab)

## APPROVED ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

### Natural Sciences Course Sequences

A minimum of twenty (20) credit hours, including two 2-semester course sequences taken from two subject areas, one of which must be a laboratory science course.

### Biology Course Sequences

BI 101 and 232	BI 103 and 232	BI 103 and 104
BI 104 and 232	BI 121 and 122	BI 151 and 152
BI 103 and 215	BI 104 and 215	

**For a biology major sequence, BI 151 and BI 152 are required for most transfer institutions.**

### Mathematics Course Sequences

MA 108 and 110	MA 129 and 215	MA 133 and 245
MA 131 and 245	MA 133 and 134	MA 110 and 129
MA 131 and 129	MA 133 and 215	MA 110 and 215
MA 131 and 133	MA 134 and 255	MA 127 and 129
MA 131 and 215	MA 255 and 257	MA 127 and 215

### Physical Science Course Sequences

CM 103 and 104	CM 113 and 114	PH 125 and 246
CM 103 and 114	CM 231 and 241	PH 245 and 246
CM 109 and 231	CM 104 and 113	PH 126 and 245
CM 212 and 282		PH 125 and 126
CM 236, 237 and CM 238, 239		