

Graduation Requirements

RVC Administrative Procedure (4:20.110)

Purpose

This procedure guides graduation requirements for students who are completing degrees and certificates at the College.

Scope

This procedure applies to all students who are enrolled in credit courses.

Department and Primary Point of Contact Involved

Academic Affairs: VP of Academic Affairs/CAO

Definitions

Course

An individual unit of instruction focused on a specific subject, typically lasting one academic term.

Graduation

Degree completion

ICCB

Illinois Community College Board

Program

A structured, comprehensive plan of study that leads to a specific academic degree or certificate.

Residency

The requirement for students to be a resident of the State of Illinois and the community college district.

Student

Any learner enrolled in courses at RVC

Procedure

The College requirements for graduation shall conform to units of instruction approved by the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). The College publishes requirements and guidelines consistent with this Board Policy.

The College offers four different types of Associate degrees:

The Associate of Arts degree consist of 64 credits, including the General Education Core Curriculum and additional electives. Students must also complete the STU-100 Planning for Success course.

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The Associate of Science degree consists of 64 credits, including courses in Communications, Humanities/Fine Arts, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Mathematics, and Physical & Life Sciences, along with electives. Student also complete the STU-100 Planning for Success course.

The Associate in Engineering Science Degree (65 credits) is designed to provide graduates with transfer credits to a baccalaureate engineering degree program.

The Associate of Applied Science degree, or AAS, is a two-year associate-level college degree with a focus on a particular applied science or technical skill. Students spend the majority of their coursework in technical courses directly related to their chosen area of study. There are nearly two dozen areas of study to choose from at RVC. (Credits vary according to degree.)

Graduation eligibility requirements and other details are available in the College catalog or online at

Academic Residency

A minimum of 25% of the total credit hours of coursework must have been achieved at Rock Valley College, as established by ICCB:

- AA/AS: A minimum of 15 semester hours in courses numbered 100 and above must have been achieved at Rock Valley College.
- AAS: A minimum of 15 semester hours in courses numbered 100 and above must have been achieved at Rock Valley College.
- AES: A minimum of 15 semester hours in courses numbered 100 and above must have been achieved at Rock Valley College.
- Certificate: A minimum of 25% of the total credits required for the certificate must have been achieved at Rock Valley College.

Curriculum

Students will be certified for graduation only if they satisfy the requirements specified in the official College Catalog, according to the following:

- A student may elect to follow degree requirements set forth in any subsequent catalog if the student completes a credit course during that catalog's effective dates.
- A new catalog becomes effective in the fall semester of the first year issued and remains in effect until the end of the summer session of the last year noted.
- Requirements may not be combined from different catalogs.

Related Documents

Rock Valley College Catalog

Reference: Board Report 6563

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