BACCALAUREATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. General Education Requirement

Students in all major fields of study will complete the same pattern of general education requirements for the bachelor's degree. Those students transferring from another college who have not yet completed the pattern should enroll in the appropriate courses.

Undergraduate students who are seeking a Standard Teaching Credential with an Elementary or Secondary Specialization are advised that the general education requirements for the bachelor's degree and for the teaching credential differ in some details, however, with careful planning both can be met by the same program of courses. See Credential Section for specific recommendations.

A list of courses offered by the College which satisfy the general education requirements appears in this section following:

2. Major

The total number of units and individual subjects required to satisfy specific majors are outlined in detail for the various areas of study. See page 94 for a list of majors.

3. Minor

A minor for the bachelor's degree is not required.

4. Requirements in United States History, Constitution and American Ideals

To qualify for graduation, all undergraduate students shall demonstrate competence in the Constitution of the United States; in American history, including the study of American institutions and ideals; and in the principles of State and local government established under the Constitution of this State. These requirements may be satisfied by passing a comprehensive examination on these fields prepared and administered by the College or by completing appropriate courses. Students should contact the Chairman of the Department of Political Science or the Chairman of the Department of History.

5. Units

The total of 124 units for the bachelor of arts and the bachelor of vocational education degrees must include a minimum of 40 units of upper division work (courses numbered 300 or above).

The bachelor of science degree, 124 to 132 units, is designed for curricula where a more intensive major field of study is considered a requisite background for vocational competence. The total number of units and individual subjects required to satisfy specific majors in those areas are detailed et in the offering of the academic divisions. Otherwise, all requirements for the bachelor of science degree are identical with those for the bachelor of arts degree.

6. Activity Units

Activity courses are those which provide practice in such areas as music, speech, theatre arts, and physical education. Within the 124-unit requirement, a student may earn credit of not more than eight units in activity courses in any one area, nor more than 20 units in activity courses in all areas.

7. Scholarship

The minimum scholarship requirement for the bachelor's degree is a grade point average of 2.0 (C) in all units attempted at the College, as well as a 2.0 (C) average on the student's entire college record. For graduation, a student shall also attain:

1. A 2.0 (C) average in all courses in the major.
2. A 2.0 (C) average in all courses in the major completed at the College.
3. A 2.0 (C) average in all upper division courses in the major completed at the College.

Students who plan to pursue teacher education programs should recognize that the academic scholarship requirement for certain credentials is a minimum grade of C or better in specified courses and an overall grade point average of 2.5 (C+). Students on academic probation at the College are not permitted to enroll in education classes.

8. Residence

A minimum of 24 semester units shall be earned in residence at the College. At least one-half of these units shall be completed among the last 20 semester units counted toward the degree. This requirement may be reduced for active military duty and for attendance at other California state colleges. Credit in summer sessions may be substituted for regular session unit requirements on a unit for unit basis.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

A candidate for a bachelor's degree at California State College, Long Beach must complete a minimum general education requirement of 40 semester units. The student must complete not less than six units in each of the categories I to IV and not less than a total of 32 units in categories I to V. In categories I to IV, no more than nine units in the category in which the student's major is listed may be used to satisfy the general education requirements. No courses in the student's major department may be used to satisfy the 40 units of general education with the exception of those in category V. Satisfactory completion of the Honors Program automatically satisfies the general education requirement completely with the exception of category V. Various ethnic studies courses offered by Black Studies, Mexican-American Studies, Asian American Studies and American Indian Studies may be used to meet appropriate general education requirements. Lists of courses and the categories for which they have been approved are available at department offices and the Information Desk.

I. Natural Science—Two or more courses (totaling six or more units) in the Departments of Biology (which includes anatomy and physiology, biology, botany entomology and zoology); Chemistry; Geology; Microbiology or Physics (which includes astronomy and physical science). At least one laboratory science course must be included.

II. Social Sciences—Two or more courses (totaling six or more units) in the Departments of Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Social Welfare or Sociology
or offered by the Center for Urban Studies, exclusive of any courses chosen to satisfy the requirements of U.S. History, Government and Constitution, included in category V.

III. **Humanities**—Two or more courses (totaling six or more units). One of these must be either a philosophy course (offered by the Philosophy Department), a religious studies course (offered by the area of Religious Studies) or a literature course offered by one of the following departments: English, Comparative Literature, French-Italian, German, Classics and Eastern Languages or Spanish-Portuguese.

A second course in this category must be an appropriate course in one of the following departments: Art, Dance, Music or Theatre Arts. (The departments named will decide which of their courses are appropriate.)

IV. **Basic Communication**—Two or more courses (totaling six or more units) in English composition, foreign language (other than literature courses), journalism, mathematics, radio-television, speech communication or statistics, exclusive of any course chosen to satisfy the English composition requirement included in category V.

V. **Special Subjects**—One course in United States history; one course in United States government and Constitution (Political Science Department); and one course in English composition. The student has the option of receiving credit by examination; departments will make such examinations available. A student who fails any such examination has the option of repeating the examination without penalty, or taking the course(s) which satisfy the requirement. A student who has met any of these requirements prior to enrollment at CSCLB is exempt. Unit credit (to be included in the 40-unit general education requirement total and in the total number of units required for graduation, but not in the student's grade point average) shall be granted for satisfactory completion of examination in these subjects. Credit by examination, however, is subject to conditions specified in this Bulletin.

9. **Faculty Approval**

Proficiency of a student in any and all parts of a curriculum is properly ascertained by the faculty of the College. A favorable vote of the faculty shall be required to make a student eligible to receive a degree.

10. **Election of Regulations for Degree Requirements**

A student remaining in continuous attendance and continuing in the same curriculum in the College may elect to meet the graduation requirements in effect either at the time of his entering the College or at the time of his graduation therefrom, except that substitutions for discontinued courses may be authorized or required by the proper College authorities.

The term “continuous attendance” means attendance for a regular academic year, except where such attendance is interrupted by illness or by military service.

**GRADUATION WITH HONORS**

*Cum Laude*—A student eligible for a bachelor's degree who has attained an overall grade point average of 3.0 on all college units attempted may be graduated *Cum Laude* provided that he has also completed a minimum of 60 units at this College with a 3.0 average or higher.

*Magna Cum Laude*—A student eligible for a bachelor's degree who has attained an overall grade point average of 3.5 on all college units attempted may be graduated *Magna Cum Laude* provided that he has also completed a minimum of 60 units at this College with a 3.0 average or higher.

*Summa Cum Laude*—A student eligible for a bachelor's degree who has attained an overall grade point average of 3.75 on all college units attempted may be graduated *Summa Cum Laude* provided that he has also completed a minimum of 60 units at this College with a 3.0 average or higher.