

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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## **Requirements for an Associate Degree**

The Associate in Arts Degree and Associate in Science Degree are not automatically awarded when a student completes the requirements. Students must file an "Application for Graduation" through their Self-Service account by the deadline date each semester. Information on deadline dates can be found through the Important Dates page on the Enrollment Services website. Students are encouraged to meet with a Counselor prior to applying to ensure all requirements are met. At minimum, students must complete 60 degree applicable units, all major and general education requirements, with at least a 2.0 GPA in order to be eligible for a degree. All official transcripts from other colleges and external examinations must be on file at MSJC before an application for graduation can be reviewed. Students will be notified via email when their application for graduation has been reviewed and the results can be found in the Student Planning section of Self-Service.

The Board of Trustees, on recommendation of the Superintendent/President and Faculty of the college, is authorized to confer both Associate in Arts degrees and the Associate in Science degrees. The requirements for graduation with either degree represent both minimum state requirements and the firm commitment of MSJC to the principles of general education. Requirements are designed to develop the full potential of each student, broaden their outlook and provide the basis for exemplary citizenship.

## **Residence Requirements for Graduation**

A minimum of 12 units must be earned at MSJC in order for a student to earn a degree.

## **Graduation Ceremony**

Formal graduation activities are held at the end of the spring semester in May. Students who complete degree requirements during the spring or preceding fall and summer terms are invited to participate in the commencement program.