

General Education Requirements

The NMJC Board is authorized by the State of New Mexico to confer the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees. A minimum of 15 credit hours must be taken at NMJC. The Board also authorizes one and two-year certificates.

General Graduation Requirements

- Candidates for any associates degree offered by NMJC must meet the following minimum degree requirements:
- A minimum of 60 acceptable semester hours must be earned.
- A minimum of 15 semester hours must be earned at NMJC. The remainder may be acceptable transfer credits.
- The student must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0.
- Transitional and / or developmental courses do not fulfill any of the above requirements.
- Students will not be permitted to graduate if they have unresolved incomplete (I) grades on their academic record.

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NMJC follows the NM Higher Education Department’s general education guidelines. The defining characteristic of a New Mexico general education course is its focus on essential skills: communication, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking, information and digital literacy, and personal and social responsibility.

Requirements are listed below:

For Associate degrees (excluding AAS degrees) 31 credit hours
Fixed 22 - At least 22 credit hours of courses in the following six content areas:
Communications (6 credits)
Mathematics (3 credits)
Science (4 credits)
Social and Behavioral Science (3 credits)
Humanities (3 credits)
Creative and Fine Arts (3 credits)
Flexible nine (9 credits)
Any of the above content areas the institution deems appropriate.
For Associate of Applied Science Degrees (AAS) 15 credit hours
Fixed 12 - At least 12 credit hours of courses from four of the following six content areas:
Communications
Mathematics
Science
Science
Humanities

Creative and Fine Arts
Flexible three (3 credits)
Any of the above content areas the institution deems appropriate.