Del Mar College’s general education requirement for degree programs conforms to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s Core Curriculum’s required 42 semester credit hour (SCH) general education core curriculum for the Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), and Associate Arts in Teaching (AAT) degrees. This general education requirement is approximately 67% of the degree and is distributed over the following categories: Communications (9 SCH); History/Government (12 SCH); Humanities (3 SCH); Kinesiology (2 SCH); Mathematics (3 SCH); Natural Science (7-8 SCH, at least one of the courses must be with a lab); Social/Behavioral Science (3 SCH); and Visual or Performing Arts (3 SCH). As a member of the Texas Common Course Numbering System Matrix, courses at Del Mar College are recognized as college level and are fully transferable toward baccalaureate degree completion at state colleges and universities.

The A.A.S. degree programs require a minimum of 15 SCH of general education courses or approximately 20-25% of those degrees. These core courses are distributed in the following areas: Written Communications (3 SCH); Mathematics/Natural Sciences (3 SCH); Social/Behavioral Science (3 SCH); Humanities/Visual or Performing Arts (3 SCH); Oral Communication (3 SCH). (For programs that include verified oral communication competencies as part of content courses, any 3 SCH from the previous general education categories will be used.) These courses are not specific to any occupational field, but rather provide the breadth of knowledge customary in core courses.

Core courses are offered in a variety of delivery formats including via distance delivery. Distance learning courses may be offered as Virtual College of Texas hosted courses. The VCT statewide collaboration provides greater course accessibility for degree completion. As a cautionary note, Del Mar College students may only enroll in VCT courses that are approved by Del Mar College faculty and that are currently listed in the THECB approved course inventory for Del Mar College. Additionally, regardless of delivery methodology, THECB rules and college policies governing core curriculum and the Texas Common Course Numbering System apply equally to all degree programs and courses.

Additional Document Sources:
Del Mar College 2005-2006 Catalog and Student Handbook
Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual
Texas Common Course Numbering System Matrix