

# Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society

## Beta Theta Lambda Chapter

### Merritt College

The basic criteria for membership:

Student MUST

1. be currently enrolled at Merritt College (full or part time)
2. have completed 12 AA/AS or certificate units at Merritt
3. have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.25 or higher
4. not have any grades of "Incomplete" on current PCCD transcript

**For more details:**

(Excerpted from By-laws 2014)

#### **Chapter I. Membership**

##### **Section 1. Eligibility.**

A. As eligibility for membership is determined, a student's cumulative grade for all courses taken at Merritt College where the student is currently enrolled must be considered, as decreed by the Peralta Colleges grade forgiveness policy. Grades for courses taken at another institution may be considered when determining membership eligibility. For students who were previously enrolled at Merritt College and who have not taken classes for a period of five consecutive years, studies taken more than five years ago need not be considered when determining membership eligibility, if the Merritt College Administration so desires. In this case, no course taken more than five years ago shall be considered when determining the student's cumulative grade. Furthermore, the Merritt College Administration shall have the prerogative of increasing the number of years which must elapse for waiving course consideration to any period beyond five years. At least twelve hours of work must be in courses leading to an associate degree in a fully accredited two-year college in which the student is enrolled.

~~[Individuals presently incarcerated are not eligible for membership. An individual convicted of a felony (or any crime whose potential sentence is greater than one year) may be considered for membership three years following completion of all conditions of sentencing, including~~

~~probation~~. N.B. This section will be deleted after the Fall 2021 revisions.]

B. Individuals who attended Merritt College prior to the establishment of its chapter (April, 1999) may be invited to membership by Merritt College. The individual must provide to the chapter Advisor official documentation demonstrating that, at the time of enrollment at Merritt College, the individual satisfied the requirements for membership as set forth in Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution. These individuals pay regional and local fees prior to induction. Following initiation, these individuals immediately assume alumni status.

C. For purposes of determining membership eligibility, a grade of "B" is interpreted to be a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## **Section 2. Term of Active Membership.**

A. Active membership is terminated when a member is no longer enrolled at Merritt College.

B. For the purpose of holding international office in the Society, active membership in an active chapter is defined as being enrolled in an associate degree program exclusively in a two-year college. A Phi Theta Kappa member may be a candidate for international office only one time.

## **Section 3. Good Standing.**

To maintain active membership, a student shall maintain a cumulative grade-point average of not less than a "B." Otherwise, the student has one term in which to bring the cumulative average up to a "B." If the member fails to do so, Merritt College Chapter's Advisor shall notify the Executive Director and the member's name shall be removed from both Merritt College's Chapter and the international roll.