



Cal-GETC 2026-27

California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) was developed in response to Assembly Bill 928 that requires a “singular lower division general education pathway that meets the requirements necessary for transfer admission into the California State University and University of California.” Cal-GETC combines the existing CSU GE and IGETC requirements into one unified general education pattern, fulfilling lower-division general education requirements for both systems.

NOTE: The Cal-GETC pattern is for students who began college Fall 2025 or later. Continuing students with 2024-25 or earlier catalog rights may be able to complete IGETC (for UC/CSU transfer) or the CSU GE Breadth pattern (for CSU transfer) if they maintain continuous enrollment. Please visit <http://articulation.sbcc.edu/> or www.assist.org and consult with an academic counselor for details.

Benefits of Cal-GETC

Completion of Cal-GETC enables students to transfer from a California Community College to a CSU or UC campus without needing to take additional lower-division general education courses after transfer. While completion is not required for transfer, it is strongly recommended, as it may offer greater flexibility in course selection and support timely degree completion. All CSU campuses and most UC campuses and programs accept certified Cal-GETC completion.

Limitations and Exceptions

Cal-GETC is not appropriate for all majors or colleges. It is not accepted by the following:

- UC Berkeley's College of Chemistry, College of Engineering, College of Environmental Design, College of Natural Resources, and the Haas School of Business
- UC San Francisco
- UC San Diego's Revelle College
- Engineering programs at several UC campuses

Students in majors with extensive lower-division preparation requirements may be better served by following the general education pattern specific to their target UC or CSU campus. Consult the [UC Transfer Guidance](#) website, for detailed information.

Requirements for Completion

Cal-GETC requires a minimum of 34 semester units across six general education areas, totaling eleven courses. Each course must be completed with a grade of C or better (C- is not acceptable if below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale). Pass/No Pass grading is allowed only if the college equates a Pass to a grade of C or better. A maximum of 14 Pass/No Pass units (excluding credit by exam) may be applied to Cal-GETC.

Note: Some CSU and UC campuses limit the number of Pass/No Pass courses that count toward transfer, graduation, or major requirements.

Important Considerations

- Completion of Cal-GETC does **not** guarantee admission to a specific CSU or UC campus or program.
- Completion of Cal-GETC is *not* required for admission to either the California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) systems, nor is it the only method for satisfying lower-division General Education (GE) requirements prior to transfer. Additionally, completing Cal-GETC does *not* guarantee admission to a specific major or campus. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an academic counselor to discuss the specific admission and GE requirements for both UC and CSU campuses. For detailed information, visit the following resources:
 - UC admission requirements: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/>
 - CSU admission requirements:
 - Upper-division transfer: <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/upper-division-transfer.aspx>
 - Lower-division transfer: <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/lower-division-transfer.aspx>
- Students must still meet university admission requirements, major prerequisites, and minimum transferable units.
- **Students who complete Cal-GETC are eligible for a Certificate of Achievement from SBCC.** Those who do not complete the full certification before transfer will need to fulfill the general education requirements of the receiving UC or CSU campus.
 - Partial Cal-GETC certification is **only permitted for UC bound students** and pursuant to [UC AS Regulation 479D](#). A transfer student accepted into a college or school [within any UC campus] that recognizes Cal-GETC as satisfying the Breadth/GE requirements may complete a maximum of two courses of Cal-GETC pattern after transfer. Neither of the courses to be completed after transfer may be in English Communication (Area 1 including 1A, 1B, 1C) or Mathematical Concepts, or Quantitative Reasoning (Area 2). Some UC campuses do not accept partial UC Cal-GETC certification including UC Berkeley, UCLA's School of Engineering & Applied Science, School of Nursing and School of Theater, Film and Television, and UC Riverside's College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (Source: 2025 Quick Reference Guide, pages 35-37).
 - Students receiving a partial UC Cal-GETC certification are not eligible for the Certificate of Achievement.

Students must request general education certification from SBCC at the end of their final semester before transferring. Certification requests are located at <https://articulation.sbcc.edu/>.

Use of Coursework from Other Institutions, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate for Cal-GETC Certification

Coursework from other institutions may be applied toward Cal-GETC certification, but only under specific conditions. Only courses completed at U.S. regionally accredited institutions are eligible, as outlined below:

1. **California Community Colleges (CCCs):** Courses completed at other CCCs will be applied to the Cal-GETC category designated by the campus where they were taken. The courses must have appeared on that college's official Cal-GETC list at the time they were completed. You can verify approved courses at www.assist.org.
2. **Non-CCC U.S. Institutions:** Students transferring from institutions outside the CCC system may have coursework certified for Cal-GETC only if an equivalent course is offered at a CCC. In such cases, the course will be assigned to the same Cal-GETC area as its CCC equivalent. Please consult an academic counselor for evaluation.
3. **International Coursework:** Courses taken at foreign institutions are generally *not* eligible for Cal-GETC certification, unless the institution is regionally accredited within the U.S. All other international coursework is not applicable.
4. **Advanced Placement (AP):** For AP exams that apply to Cal-GETC, see “[Advanced Placement](#)” in the college catalog.
5. **International Baccalaureate (IB):** For IB exams that apply to Cal-GETC, see “[International Baccalaureate](#)” in the college catalog.

Additional Notes

Students who initially enrolled at a UC campus and return to the *same* UC campus after attending a community college are considered "readmits" by the UC and cannot use Cal-GETC. However, those returning to a *different* UC campus **may** be able to use Cal-GETC but should consult with the target campus. This restriction does not apply to students who only attended UC summer sessions or Extension classes. CSU does not have a system-wide policy that addresses these students and/or this reverse-transfer situation and thus there is no prohibition on use of Cal-GETC for students returning to the CSU from a CCC.

Resources and More Information

- Cal-GETC UC Campus Guidance: [UC Transfer Guidance](#)
- Official Cal-GETC Standards: [ICAS Cal-GETC Policies \(PDF\)](#)
- Approved SBCC Courses for Cal-GETC: www.assist.org

AMERICAN HISTORY AND INSTITUTIONS REQUIREMENT FOR UCSB

Any of the following SBCC courses may be used to meet UCSB's American History and Institutions Requirement as well as a requirement for Cal-GETC: **AJ** 101,105,245; **ART** 106; **ASAM** 101,102; **BLST** 101,102,102H,103; **CHST** 101,102,103,121; **ENG** 225,226,226H; **ENVS** 112; **ETHS** 101,101H,107; **HIST** 110, 110H,111,112,C1001,C1002,C1002H; **NATA** 101,102; **POLS** 104,151,C1000; **SOC** 107. See SBCC counselor for other options to satisfy this requirement.



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Courses listed in more than one area of Cal-GETC (Areas 1-6) can only be counted in one area. Each course must be completed with a grade of C or better (C- is not acceptable if below 2.0 on a 4.0 scale). Pass/No Pass grading is allowed only if the college equates a Pass to a grade of C or better. A maximum of 14 Pass/No Pass units (excluding credit by exam) may be applied to Cal-GETC.

Need	Student Name:	K#:	Counselor Name:	Date:	Grade	IP
	AREA 1 – ENGLISH COMMUNICATION – Three courses, one from each 1A, 1B and 1C, 9 semester units or 12 quarter units					
	1A: English Composition – One course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units ENGL C1000, C1000E, C1000H Institution & Course Number:AP Exam:					
	1B: Critical Thinking and Composition – One course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units Important Note: Courses that meet Area 1B are normally not offered at institutions outside of the California Community College system. COMM 235; ENG 111,111H; ENGL C1001; PHIL 111 Institution & Course Number:					
	1C: Oral Communication – One course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units COMM 110, C1000, C1000H Institution & Course Number:					
	AREA 2 – MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING – One course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units					
	CS 118; MATH 114, 117AB, 118, 130, 131, 137, 138, 149, 150, 160, 180, 200, 210, 220; PSY 150; SOC 125; STAT C1000 Institution & Course Number:AP/IB Exam:					
	AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES – Two courses, one from each 3A and 3B, 6 semester units or 8 quarter units					
	3A: Arts: ART 100, 101, 102A, 102B, 106, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 210, 211, 215, 216; ARTH C1100, C1100H, C1200, C1200H; BLST 111; CHST 130, 131, 160; ENG 242; FS 101, 101H, 103, 104, 105, 107, 109, 112A, 112C, 112D, 113, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120, 121; GDP 116; MUS 104A, 110, 112, 114A, 114B, 115, 118; NATA 112; PE 250; PHIL 207B; TA 103, 106, 107, 108, 113, 120, 135A, 160 Institution & Course Number:AP/IB Exam:					
	3B: Humanities: ARBC 102; ASAM 101, 102; ASL 102, 103, 104, 125; BLST 101, 102, 102H, 103, 113; CHIN 102, 103; CHST 101, 102, 103, 113, 114, 115; COMM 200; ECE 115; ENG 111, 111H, 221, 221H, 222, 222H, 225, 226, 226H, 231, 232, 240, 241, 251, 261, 262; ENGL C1002; ENVS 112; ETHS 101, 101H, 103, 109, 117, 121, 122; FR 102, 103, 104; FS 105, 110, 111, 112B, 112C, 114, 115, 116, 118, 119, 121; GER 102, 103, 104; HEBR 102; HIST 103, 104, 107, 108, 110, 110H, 111, 112, 113H, 115, 118, 120, 121, 122, 127, 133, 134, 135, 137,138, C1001 (before Fall 28), C1002 (before Fall 28), C1002H (before Fall 28); ITAL 102, 103, 104; JAPN 102,103, 104; NATA 103, 105, 113; PHIL 100, 100H, 101, 101H, 102, 200, 201, 203, 204, 206, 207A, 207B; POLS 132; SPAN 102, 103, 104, 132, 139, 146, 147 Institution & Course Number:AP/IB Exam:					
	AREA 4 – SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES – Two courses from two academic disciplines, 6 semester units or 8 quarter units					
	AJ 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 125, 245, 271; ANTH 102, 102H, 103, 103H, 104, 109, 113; ASAM 101, 102; BLST 101, 102, 102H, 103; CHST 101, 102, 103, 121; COMM 101, 151, 171, 288, 289; ECE 102, 120; ECON 114, C2001, C2001H, C2002, C2002H; ENVS 112; ERTH 142; ETHS 101, 101H, 103, 107, 109, 110, 120, 121, 122; GEOG 102, 104, 105, 106, 107; GLST 101, 102, 105; HIST 103, 104, 107, 108, 110, 110H, 111, 112, 113H, 115, 118, 120, 121, 122, 127, 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, C1001, C1002, C1002H; JOUR 200; NATA 101, 102, 104, 105; POLS 104, 110, 121, 121H, 122, 131, 132, 134H, 136, 151, C1000; PSY 112, 120, 125, 140, 145, 170, 175, 200, 210; PSYC C1000, C1000H; SOC 101, 101H, 103, 104, 106, 107, 109, 113, 115, 117, 118, 127, 130; SS 101 Institution & Course Number:AP/IB Exam:					
	AREA 5 - PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES – Two courses, one from each 5A and 5B. One of the two courses must include a laboratory to meet Area 5C, 7 semester units or 9 quarter units					
	5A: Physical Science: BIOL 110, 110+ <u>141</u> ; CHEM <u>101</u> , <u>104</u> , 110, <u>155</u> , <u>156</u> , 211, 211+ <u>221</u> , 212, 212+ <u>222</u> ; ENVS 115, 115+ <u>115L</u> , 116; ERTH 101, 101H, 101+ <u>102</u> , 101H+ <u>102</u> , 104, 106, 111, 111+ <u>111L</u> , 111H, 111H+ <u>111L</u> , 112, 112+ <u>112L</u> , 114, 115, 115+ <u>115L</u> , 116, 122, <u>125</u> , <u>126</u> , 141, 141+ <u>141L</u> , 151, 151+ <u>151L</u> , 152, 152+ <u>152L</u> ; GEOG 101, 101+ <u>101L</u> , 152, 152+ <u>152L</u> ; PHSC <u>103</u> , <u>107</u> ; PHYS 101, 101+ <u>101L</u> , <u>102</u> , <u>105</u> , <u>106</u> , <u>110</u> , <u>111</u> , <u>121</u> , <u>122</u> , <u>123</u> Institution & Course Number:AP/IB Exam:					
	5B: Biological Science: ANTH 101, 101+ <u>101L</u> , 101H, 101H+ <u>101L</u> ; BIOL <u>100</u> , <u>101</u> , <u>102</u> , <u>103</u> , 110, 110+ <u>141</u> , 112, 112+ <u>141</u> , <u>120</u> , <u>122</u> , <u>122+123</u> , <u>124</u> , <u>125</u> , 126, 140, 140+ <u>141</u> , <u>144</u> , 150, 161, 171, 172; BMS <u>100</u> , <u>107</u> , <u>108</u> , 118, <u>127</u> , 136, 146, 146+ <u>146L</u> , <u>157</u> ; BOT <u>100</u> , <u>121</u> , <u>122</u> -Note: BOT 122 is 3-unit lab science. To complete the 7-unit Area 5 requirement, students need either 4 units in 5A (Physical Science) or another course in 5B (Biological Science), 123, 125; EH 102, 110, 112; ENVS 110, 110+ <u>111</u> ; HIT 204; PSY 110; ZOOL 110, 122, 122+ <u>123</u> , 124, 137, 140 Institution & Course Number:AP/IB Exam:					
	5C: Laboratory – 1 semester unit or 1 quarter unit - Must complete one corresponding lab (5C) with either Area 5A or 5B. In addition to those laboratory courses underlined in Areas 5A and 5B, GEOG 123 satisfies Area 5C ONLY when combined with one of the following science lecture courses, and ONLY if GEOG 123 is taken in Fall 2024 & after: BIOL 110, 122; BOT 122, 123; ENVS 110, 115; ERTH 111, 111H, 112, 114, 115, 141, 151, 152; GEOG 101, 152					
	AREA 6 – ETHNIC STUDIES – One course, 3 semester units or 4 quarter units					
	Important Note: Courses that meet Area 6 are normally not offered at institutions outside of the California Community College and CSU systems. ASAM 101, 102; BLST 101, 102, 103; CHST 101, 102, 103, 113, 121; ETHS 101, 101H, 107, 109, 121; NATA 101, 102; SOC 107 Institution & Course Number:					
	(OPTIONAL) UC GRADUATION REQUIREMENT IN LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH Not part of Cal-GETC. May be completed prior to transfer. Proficiency equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language, with a grade of “C”-minus or better OR 1 course from the following list (or a more advanced course: 102, 103, 104) with a grade of “C” or better or Pass. Consult with a counselor for other available options to meet this requirement. Note: Minimum of 2 quarters of foreign language required. ASL 101; ARBC 101; CHIN 101; FR 101; GER 101; HEBR 101; ITAL 101; JAPN 101; SPAN 101,132 High School:Validated by advanced course: Institution & Course Number:AP/IB Exam:					
	(OPTIONAL) CSU GRADUATION REQUIREMENT IN U.S. HISTORY, CONSTITUTION AND AMERICAN IDEALS Not part of Cal-GETC. May be completed prior to transfer. To meet the CSU graduation requirement, students must take courses in three areas: US-1, US-2, and US-3. One course is required in each area, but a single course can count for more than one area if it qualifies. US – 1: Historical Development of American Institutions and Ideals: ASAM 101; BLST 101; CHST 101; ETHS 101, 101H; HIST 110, 110H, C1001, C1002, C1002HH; NATA 101 US – 2: U.S. Constitution and Government: AJ 245; POLS 104, C1000 US – 3: U.S. California State and Local Government: POLS 104, C1000 Institution & Course Number:AP Exam:					

Cal-GETC is updated each fall. Students are responsible for ensuring their selected courses meet current Cal-GETC requirements for the term taken. Consult an academic counselor and www.assist.org for guidance.