

CAL-GETC

THE CALIFORNIA GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)

This pattern is for students who began classes at a California Community College in fall 2025 or later, or students who have not maintained catalog rights. See a counselor for details.

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the primary general education pathway for California Community College (CCC) students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for both the UC and the CSU systems without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower-division general education courses. The Cal-GETC pattern is most useful for students who want to keep their options open before making a final decision about transferring to a particular UC or CSU campus. Completion of Cal-GETC does NOT guarantee admission, nor is it required for admission. The curriculum and its policies are overseen by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS), representing faculty from California's three segments of public higher education.

Some students may be better served by taking courses that fulfill the general education requirements of the college to which they plan to transfer. Students pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division major preparation may not find the Cal-GETC option to be advantageous. Engineering, Architecture, and Liberal Studies are examples of those majors. Schools of Engineering do not generally recommend Cal-GETC. Before selecting any courses, please see a counselor for assistance in planning your program.

Courses completed at a California Community College will be applied to the subject area in which they were listed by the institution where the work was completed (see ASSIST.org). Coursework from other United States Institutionally accredited (formerly regionally accredited) institutions may be used on Cal-GETC. Coursework must be evaluated by a counselor. All courses must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. A "Credit" or "Pass" that is defined by institutional policy as being equivalent to a grade of C (2.0) or higher may be applied to meet Cal-GETC requirements. **Foreign coursework from non-US regionally accredited institutions may not be used.** Course credit earned on the basis of acceptable scores on Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams can be applied toward Cal-GETC certification (see the charts at the end of this chapter for a list of acceptable AP/IB courses and scores.)

Important: All courses must be completed with grades of C (2.0) or higher. Courses used to meet Cal-GETC requirements must have a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units. (Exceptions may be made for English composition and math. See a counselor for details.)

For information regarding **Cal-GETC Certification**, see the Transfer section of the catalog.

UC Berkeley only accepts full Cal-GETC certification.

Some private and out-of-state colleges and universities will accept the completed Cal-GETC to meet their lower-division general education requirements.

The private and out-of-state colleges and universities below will accept the completed Cal-GETC to meet their lower-division general education requirements.

- AICU
- American University of Paris (France)
- Arizona State University
- Biola University
- California College for the Arts
- California Lutheran University
- Chapman University
- City University of London (England)
- Cogswell Polytechnical College
- Concordia University
- Dominican College of San Rafael
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Holy Names College
- JFK University
- John Cabot University (Rome, Italy)
- Menlo College
- National University
- Northern Arizona University
- Notre Dame de Namur University (formerly College of Notre Dame)
- Oregon State University
- Saint Mary's College of California
- Scripps College
- Southern University and A&M College (Baton Rouge, LA)
- University of La Verne
- University of Northern Colorado
- University of San Francisco
- University of the Pacific
- University of the West
- Vanguard University of Southern California
- Woodbury University

Key to Symbols Used

Symbol	What it means
("same as..." or "formerly same as...")	Courses that are (or were previously) offered in more than one discipline (cross-listed). Students may receive credit for only one of the cross-listed courses. See course descriptions for details.

Symbol	What it means
∇	Course is listed in more than one GE area, but cannot be used to satisfy requirements in more than one area.
<	Transfer credit may be limited by UC, CSU, or both.
()	Course in parenthesis is no longer offered.
GC	Course satisfies SMC's Global Citizenship Degree Requirement.

Area 1: English Communication

Group 1A: English Composition: Select 1 course (3 semester/4 quarter units)

- ENGL (1) (*see ENGL C1000*), C1000 (*formerly ENGL 1*) **or** 1D

Group 1B: Critical Thinking: Select 1 course (3 semester/4 quarter units)

- ENGL (2)[∇] (*See ENGL C1001*), C1001 (*formerly ENGL 2*)
- HIST 47[∇] (*satisfies area if completed fall 2012 or later*)

Group 1C: Oral Communication: Select 1 course (3 semester/4 quarter units)

- COM ST (11) (*see COMM C1000*), 21
- COMM C1000 (*formerly COM ST 11*)

Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning

1 course (3 semester/4 quarter units)

- MATH 2[<], 4, 6, 7[<], 8[<], 10, 11, 13, 15, 21, 26[<], 28[<], 29[<], (54) (*see STAT C1000*), 55
- STAT C1000 (*formerly MATH 54*)

Area 3: Arts and Humanities

2 courses (6 semester/8 quarter units), with one course from Group A (Arts) and one course from Group B (Humanities):

Group A: Arts (at least one course)

- AHIS 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3, 5^{GC}, 6^{GC}, 11^{GC}, 15, 17^{GC}, 18^{GC∇}, 21^{GC}, 22^{GC}, 52 (*same as PHOTO 52*), 71, 72^{GC}
- ANIM 5
- DANCE 2^{GC}, 5^{GC}, 6
- ENGL 55[∇] (*formerly same as TH ART 7*)
- FILM 1, 2, 6[∇], 8
- MUSIC 1[<], 29^{GC}, 30, 31, 32, 33^{GC}, 36^{GC}, 37^{GC}, 39
- PHOTO 52 (*same as AHIS 52*)
- TH ART 2, 5

Group B: Humanities (at least one course)

- AHIS 18^{GC∇}
- ASL 2^{GC}
- CHNESE 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 9^{GC}
- COM ST 12[∇]
- ECON 15[∇] (*same as HIST 15*)
- ENGL (2)[∇] (*satisfies area if completed fall 2015 or later*), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9^{GC}, 10^{GC}, 14, 15, 17, 18, 26[∇] (*same as HUM 26*), 32[∇] (*formerly same as HIST 30*), 34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 49^{GC}, 50, 51 (*same as REL ST 51*), 52 (*same as REL ST 52*), 53, 54, 55[∇] (*formerly same as TH ART 7*), 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62^{GC}, 63, 64, C1001 (*if taken prior to fall 2027*)
- ENVRN 20^{GC} (*same as PHILOS 20*),
- FILM 5, 6[∇], 7^{GC}, 11 (*formerly same as ENGL 11*)
- FRENCH 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 9^{GC}, 20^{GC}
- GERMAN 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}
- HEBREW 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}

- HIST 1[▽], 2[▽], 3[▽], 4[▽], 5[▽], 6^{GC}, 10^{GC▽}, 11[▽], 12[▽], 13[▽], 15[▽] (same as ECON 15), 16[▽], 19[▽], 20[▽], 21[▽], 22[▽], 24[▽], 25^{GC} (satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2014 or later), 26[▽], 28[▽], 29[▽], 33[▽], 34^{GC} (satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2014 or later), 38, 39^{GC} (satisfies GC requirement if completed fall 2014 or later), 41[▽], 43[▽], 52[▽], 53, 55[▽], 62[▽]
- HUM 9A, 26 (same as ENGL 26)
- ITAL 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}
- JAPAN 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 9^{GC}
- KOREAN 2^{GC}, 3^{GC} (if taken prior to fall 2026), 4^{GC}, 9^{GC}
- LING 1^{GC} (satisfies area if completed fall 2014 or later)
- PERSIN 2^{GC}
- PHILOS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 20^{GC} (same as ENVRN 20), 22, 23, 24, 48[▽] (formerly same as HIST 48), 51[▽] (same as POL SC 51), 52[▽] (same as POL SC 52)
- POL SC 51[▽] (same as PHILOS 51), 52[▽] (same as PHILOS 52)
- REL ST 51 (same as ENGL 51), 52 (same as ENGL 52)
- RUSS 2^{GC}
- SPAN 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 9^{GC}, 12^{GC}, 20^{GC▽}

Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences

2 courses (6 semester units/ 8 quarter units) selected from 2 Groups:

Group 1:

- ADJUS 1

Group 2:

- ANTHRO 2^{GC}, 3[<], 4[<] (satisfies area if completed fall 2014 or later), 7, 14^{GC}, 19^{GC}, 20, 21^{GC}, 22

Group 3:

- ASTRON 6^{GC}

Group 4:

- COM ST 9, 20^{GC}, 30, 31, 35, 36^{GC}, 37^{GC}, 38

Group 5:

- ECE 11^{GC} (satisfies area if completed fall 2010 or later)

Group 6:

- ECON 1, 2, 4^{GC} (same as ENVRN 4), 5^{GC} (same as GLOBAL 5 and POL SC 5), 6, 8^{GC} (same as WGS 8), 15[▽] (same as HIST 15)
- ENVRN 4^{GC} (same as ECON 4)
- GLOBAL 5^{GC} (same as ECON 5 and POL SC 5)
- HIST 15[▽] (same as ECON 15)
- POL SC 5^{GC} (same as ECON 5 and GLOBAL 5)
- WGS 8^{GC} (same as ECON 8)

Group 7:

- ETH ST 1[▽] (satisfies area if completed fall 2023 or later), 6, 7, 8, 38

Group 8:

- GEOG 2, 7^{GC} (same as ENVRN 7), 8 (same as URBAN 8), 11^{GC} (same as GLOBAL 11), 14^{GC}
- ENVRN 7^{GC} (same as GEOG 7)
- GLOBAL 11^{GC} (same as GEOG 11)
- URBAN 8 (same as GEOG 8)

Group 9:

- GLOBAL 10^{GC}

Group 10:

- HIST 10^{GC} (satisfies area if completed fall 2013 or later), 11[∇] (satisfies area if completed fall 2013 or later), 12[∇] (satisfies area if completed fall 2013 or later), 14^{GC} (same as ENVRN 14), 27, 32^{GC} (same as ENVRN 32), 42, 47[∇], 51, 55[∇]
- ENVRN 14^{GC} (same as HIST 14), 32^{GC} (same as HIST 32)

Group 11:

- MEDIA 1, 3^{GC} (same as GLOBAL 3), 4, 10^{GC}
- GLOBAL 3^{GC} (same as MEDIA 3)

Group 12:

- NUTR 7^{GC}

Group 13:

- PHILOS 48[∇]

Group 14:

- POL SC (1) (see POLS C1000), 2, 3, 7, 8, 14, 21^{GC}, 22^{GC} (same as ENVRN 22), 24, 31, 47, 51[∇] (same as PHILOS 51), 52[∇] (same as PHILOS 52)
- ENVRN 22^{GC} (same as POL SC 22)
- PHILOS 51[∇] (same as POL SC 51), 52[∇] (same as POL SC 52)
- POLS C1000 (formerly POL SC 1)

Group 15:

- PSYCH (1) (see PSYC C1000), 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 19, 25, 40^{GC} (same as ENVRN 40)
- ENVRN 40^{GC} (same as PSYCH 40)
- PSYC C1000 (formerly PSYCH 1)

Group 16:

- SOCIAL 1, 1s^{GC}, 2, 2s^{GC}, 4, 12, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34^{GC}

Group 17:

- SPAN 20^{GC}

Group 18:

- URBAN 8

Group 19:

- WGS 10^{GC} (formerly WOM ST 10), 20^{GC} (formerly WOM ST 20), 30^{GC} (formerly WOM ST 30), 40^{GC}
- POL SC 23

Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences

Two courses (7 semester units or 9 quarter units): 1 course is required from 5A; 1 course is required from 5B. One of the courses from 5A or 5B must include a lab (courses with a laboratory component are designated in 5C and are bold in lists 5A and 5B):

Group 5A: Physical Science Courses (1 course required)

- ASTRON 1[<], 2[<], **3[<]**, **4[<]**, 5, 7 (satisfies area if completed fall 2014 or later), 8, 9, 10 (same as GEOL 10)
- CHEM **9^{GC}** (satisfies GC requirement if completed spring 2013 or later), **10[<]**, **11**, **12**, **19**, **21**, 22[<], **31** (**Note:** CHEM 9 is a terminal GE course, CHEM 19 is intended for CSU nursing majors and CHEM 10 is for STEM majors)
- GEOG 1[<], 3, **5[<]**, **12** (same as GEOL 12)
- GEOL 1[<], 3, **4[<]**, **5**, **6**, 9, 10 (same as ASTRON 10), **12** (same as GEOG 12), 31, **32**
- PHYSICS **6[<]**, **7[<]**, **8[<]**, **9[<]**, 12[<], **14[<]**, **21[<]**, **22[<]**, **23[<]**

Group 5B: Biological Science Courses (1 course required)

- ANATMY **1**, **2**
- ANTHRO 1[<], **5[<]**, 9, 11
- BIOL 2, **3**, 9^{GC}, **10^{GC}**, **15^{GC}**, 15N[<], **21**, **22**, **23**
- BOTANY **1**
- MCRBIO **1**
- PHYS **3**

- PSYCH 2
- ZOOL 5

Group 5C: Science Courses With Laboratory Component

(1 course required, but may also be satisfied by bold courses in Group 5A or 5B)

- ANATMY 1, 2
- ANTHRO 5
- ASTRON 3, 4
- BIOL 3, 10^{GC}, 15^{GC}, 21, 22, 23
- BOTANY 1
- CHEM 9^{GC}, 10, 11, 12, 19, 21, 24, 31 (**Note:** CHEM 9 is a terminal GE course, CHEM 19 is intended for CSU nursing majors and CHEM 10 is for STEM majors)
- GEOG 5, 12 (same as GEOL 12)
- GEOL 4, 5, 6, 12 (same as GEOG 12), 32
- MCRBIO 1
- PHYS 3
- PHYSICS 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 21, 22, 23
- ZOOL 5

Area 6: Ethnic Studies

One course: 3 semester units or 4 quarter units:

- ETH ST 1^{GC} (satisfies area if taken fall 2023 or later), 7

California State University (CSU) Graduation Requirements: U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals (AI) requirement

The CSU U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals (AI) graduation requirement is not part of Cal-GETC. A course used to satisfy this requirement may also be listed and applied to Cal-GETC Subject Areas. CCCs may certify completion of the CSU graduation requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals. CSU campuses have the discretion on whether to allow courses not certified by CCC to satisfy the CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals graduation requirement to also count for GE.

American History and Institutions – 6 semester units; one course selected from each group (which may be credited toward satisfying requirements from Areas 3B and 4.)

US Group 1:

- ECON 15 (same as HIST 15)
- ENVRN 14^{GC} (same as HIST 14)
- HIST 10^{GC}, 11, 12, 14^{GC} (same as ENVRN 14), 15 (same as ECON 15), 41

US Group 2 & 3:

- POL SC (1) (see POLS C1000)
- POLS C1000 (formerly POL SC 1)

University of California: Language other than English

The UC Language other than English (LOTE) graduation requirement is not part of Cal-GETC. Upon transfer to UC, a course that is approved to fulfill a Cal-GETC subject area may be used to satisfy the LOTE requirement if it meets relevant UC criteria.

LOTE is a graduation requirement for UC students. Each UC and each major at the UC vary in what will fulfill this graduation requirement. It is not part of Cal-GETC and is not an admission requirement. The following website link will allow you to access each UC's website in order to search for the LOTE graduation requirement. <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

Please note: Students who complete any part of their education between 9th and 12th grade at an institution where the language of instruction is other than English will not receive UC unit credit for courses taken at Santa Monica College in the same language

Applying Non-SMC Coursework to Cal-GETC

A summary of requirements for Cal-GETC certification of non-SMC courses:

1. The institution is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or an equivalent accrediting body.
2. A course taken at a California Community College is applied to the subject area in which it is listed by the institution where the work was completed (check assist.org for college Cal-GETC lists).
3. Coursework from other U.S. regionally accredited institutions may be used on Cal-GETC. Coursework may be evaluated by a counselor.
4. The grade received in the course is C (2.0) or higher. A grade of C- (C minus) is not acceptable. A "Credit" or "Pass" that is defined by institutional policy as being equivalent to a grade of C (2.0) or higher may be applied to Cal-GETC requirements.
5. Foreign coursework from non-United States regionally accredited institutions cannot be used for Cal-GETC.

6. Each course is a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units. (Exceptions may be made for English composition or math. See a counselor for details.)
7. All courses that meet Cal-GETC requirements are completed by the end of the semester that the student is petitioning for certification.

Transfer Admission Requirements for the University of California (UC)

The minimum requirements for UC transfer admission can be found at the *UC Transfer Requirements website*. Students must:

- Complete the following 7-course pattern by the end of the spring term prior to fall enrollment at UC:
 - Two transferable courses in English composition;
 - One transferable course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning;
 - Four transferable courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:
 - arts and humanities
 - social and behavioral sciences
 - physical and biological sciences
- Complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) units of UC-transferable credit. No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units of the 60 semester (90 quarter) units may be taken on a Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit basis. Courses designated “UC” in the course description will transfer as **baccalaureate** credit for (at least) elective credit to the University of California. Students should refer to *assist.org* for further information.
- Earn at least a 2.4 GPA in UC-transferable courses (2.8 if the student is a nonresident) and be in good standing at the last college or university attended. **Note:** Some majors require a higher GPA for admission selection and a higher grade point average is required to be a **more academically attractive** transfer applicant to most UC campuses.

All branches of the University of California allow up to 70 transferable semester units from a community college. Students who have already completed 70 or more transferable semester units at a community college may still complete courses for credit (e.g., to finish Cal-GETC or major requirements) at a community college, but will not be able to transfer more than 70 semester units of credit to the University of California. Please note: All UC-transferable units will be included in the GPA calculation and analyzed for subject credit.

Students are advised to visit the SMC Transfer/Counseling Center and meet with a counselor for a realistic estimate of the current grade point average actually required for admission to selected major programs at various UC campuses. Students are also advised to verify the most appropriate lower-division general education pattern for their goal.

Applying Exam Credit to Cal-GETC

See the “Credit by Exam” charts in the catalog for a list of the AP and IB exams that may be used on the Cal-GETC pattern.