California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) 2026-2027

Cal-GETC is a general education pattern that can be used for transfer to a UC or CSU campus. Students who complete Cal-GETC and receive a full certification from the Admission's Office, fulfill the lower-division general education course requirements at a CSU or UC after transfer. Cal-GETC is also accepted by some private/independent or out-of-state universities.

Area 1: English Communication – Select one course in each area	**9 Units Required**
1A: English Composition	**ENGL** C1000 *(formerly ENGL 100)*, C1000E *(formerly ENGL 105)*
1B: Critical Thinking and Composition	**ENGL** C1001 *(formerly ENGL 165), C1002 (formerly ENGL 110)* **PHIL** 103
1C: Oral Communication	**COMM** C1000 *(formerly COMM 110)*
Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning – Select one course for a total of three semester units	**3 Semester Units**
Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	**CIS** 262 **MATH** 125, 145, 225, 241, 243, C2210 *(formerly MATH 251)*, C2220 *(formerly MATH 252)*, 253, 270, 275, **STATS** C1000 *(formerly MATH 200)*
Area 3: Arts and Humanities – Select two courses: one from 3A Arts and one from 3B Humanities	**6 Semester Units**
3A: Arts	**ARTH** C1100 *(formerly ART 101)*, 102, 103, 104, 105, 114, 116, 118, 131, 250 **ART** 306 **DANC** 100 DRAM 101, 140, 150, 200, 233 **ETHN** 288 **INTD** 150, 151 **LIT.** 441, 442 **MUS.** 100, 202, 210, 215, 240, 250, 275
3B: Humanities	**DRAM** 151 **ECE.** 191 **ENGL** C1002 *(formerly ENGL 110)* **ETHN** 265 **HIST** 100, 101, 104, 106, 245, 246, 247, 422, C1001 *(formerly HIST 201)*, C1002 *(formerly HIST 202)* **LIT.** 151, 200, 205, 231, 232, 252, 266, 371, 372, 373 **PHIL** 100, 160, 175, 190, 240, 300, 312 **SPAN** 140, 145, 162, 220, 230
Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences – Select two courses from two academic disciplines	**6 Semester Units**
Social and Behavioral Sciences	**ANTH** 110, 200, 351 **COMM** 150, 180 **CDEV** C1000 *(formerly ECE. 201)* **ECE.** 212 **ECON** C2001 *(formerly ECON 102)*, C2002 (*formerly ECON 100)*, 230 **ENGL** 200 **ETHN** 103, 105, 107, 108, 109, 130 **GEOG** 110, 150 **HIST** 100, 101, 104, 106, 245, 246, 247, 422, C1001 *(formerly HIST 201)*, C1002 *(formerly HIST 202)* **LING** 200 **POLS** 130, 150,170, C1000 *(formerly PLSC 210)*, 310 **PSYC** 106, 200, 205, 300, 340, 410, C1000 *(formerly PSYC 100)* **SOCI** 105, 141, 205, C1000 *(formerly SOCI 100)*
Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences – Two courses are required: one from 5A and one from 5B. At least one course must have a lab. Courses identified with an * will satisfy the lab requirement. Courses listed in Area 5C are lab courses that must be taken concurrently or after successfully completing the corresponding lecture course.	**7 Semester Units**
5A: Physical Science	**ASTR** C1001 *(formerly ASTR 100)* **CHEM** 114 *(F27)*, 192*, 210*, 220*, 231*, 232*, 410* **ENVS** 115, 120 **GEOG** 100 **GEOL** 100, 121* **METE** 100 **OCEN** 100 **PHYS** 114 *(F27)*, 210*, 220*, 250*, 260*, 270*
5B: Biological Science	**ANTH** C1001 *(formerly ANTH 125)* **BIOL** 100, 130, 225*, 230*, 240*, 250*, 260*, C1000* *(formerly BIOL 110)* **ENVS** 115 **OCEN** 100
5C: Science Laboratory	**ANTH** C1001L *(formerly ANTH 126)* **ASTR** C1001L *(formerly ASTR 101)* **BIOL** 132 **ENVS** 101 **GEOG** 101 **GEOL** 101 **OCEN** 101
Area 6: Ethnic Studies – Select one course for three semester units	**3 Semester Units**
Ethnic Studies	**ETHN** 103, 105, 107, 108, 109, 130, 265, 288
Total Required Cal-GETC Units	**34 Units**

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Cal-GETC Notes:

- All courses in Cal-GETC must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
- There are instances when a Cañada College course is approved for Cal-GETC but the same course at College of San Mateo or Skyline College is NOT approved for Cal-GETC (or vice versa) even though the courses may have the same number. Check with a Counselor for information.
- Some courses may be listed in more than one GE area; however, a course can be used to satisfy only one area.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams** can be applied to Cal-GETC. For more information, consult with a Counselor or refer to the Cañada College catalog at **AP and IB Policies**.
- Completion of Cal-GETC is recommended for most transfer majors but is not a requirement for UC and CSU transfer. **See below for minimum UC and CSU transfer requirements.** A full certification of Cal-GETC completion permits students to transfer from a community college to a CSU or UC campus without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower-division general education courses.
- Students must request **Cal-GETC certification** with their final transcript, or once courses are complete, on-line via WebSMART.
- If a student has completed coursework at colleges/universities outside of the San Mateo County Community College District, and would like to receive credit toward Cal-GETC and/or major, the student must request official transcripts from prior institutions to be sent to the **Transcript Evaluation Service**.

University Of California (UC) Transfer:

- Minimum GPA for UC transfer is 2.4 in UC transferable courses (2.8 GPA if you are a non-CA resident). However, most UC campuses and majors require a significantly higher GPA. Speak to a Counselor about competitive GPAs for UC campuses and majors.
- Successful completion of at least 60 UC transferable units, including **General Education and Preparation for your Major**. The General Education can be met by **completing Cal-GETC** or, completion of the **UC 7-Course Pattern**, which includes: two UC transferable courses in English Composition, one UC transferable course in Mathematical Concepts and four UC transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas – Arts/Humanities, Social/Behavioral Sciences, and Physical/ Biological Sciences.
- Although not included in Cal-GETC, UC has a graduation requirement in **Language other than English (LOTE)**. This requirement may be satisfied through the following means:
  - Successful completion of one of the following Cañada courses: **SPAN** 110, 120, 122, 140, 145, 162, 220, 230
  - Successful completion of two years of high school in one language (grade of C or higher)
  - Successful completion of a course at a college or university (with a grade of C or higher)
  - Successful completion, grade of C or higher (2.0), of two years of formal schooling at six grade level or higher in an institution where the language of instruction is not English
  - Satisfactory score of 3 or higher, on College Board Advanced placement examinations in languages other than English
  - Satisfactory score of 5 or higher, on International Baccalaureate higher level examinations in languages other than English
  - Other – Please consult with a counselor

California State University (CSU) Transfer:

- Minimum GPA of 2.0 in CSU transfer courses for resident students and 2.4 for California non- resident students. In high-demand majors and campuses, a higher GPA may be required; please consult with a Counselor.
- Completion of at least 60 CSU transferable units, including **General Education and Major Preparation.**
- Completion of Cal-GETC **or** completion of 30 transferable units of general education, including a C- or better in the **"Golden Four"**: English Composition, Critical Thinking, Oral Communication and Quantitative Reasoning (Math).
- Although not part of Cal-GETC, the Community College may certify completion of the CSU graduation requirement in **U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals**. To satisfy this graduation requirement, complete a course in **US-1**, **US-2** and **US-3**. Some courses can be used to satisfy more than one area:

US-1 (History):	**ECON** 230	**ETHN** 105, 107	**HIST** C1001 (formerly HIST 201), C1002 (formerly HIST 202), 245
US-2 (Constitution):	**HIST** HIST C1001 (formerly HIST 201), C1002 (formerly HIST 202)	**POLS** C1000 *(formerly PLSC 210)*	
US-3 (State & Local Government):	**POLS** C1000 *(formerly PLSC 210)*, 310		

- Course approvals for this requirement may vary between SMCCCD campuses. Consult with a Counselor on meeting this requirement at another campus.