2026-2027 Catalog

Cal-GETC Pattern

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

The Completion of the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) Pattern will allow students to earn an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) by completing lower division general education classes. Cal-GETC will also assist a student to transfer from Columbia College to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus. Students transferring to a university may need additional upper division general education courses.

Cal-GETC Certification

A minimum "C" grade is required in each college course for Cal-GETC. A "C" is defined as a minimum of 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale. A "C-" grade valued at less than 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale cannot be used for Cal-GETC certification.

Courses in which a student receives a "P/NP" (Pass/No Pass) grade may be used toward Cal-GETC certification. Students should be aware that CSU and UC campuses may have limitations on the number of P/NP grades accepted to satisfy transfer, major, and graduation requirements at those institutions.

NOTE:

- Students transferring to a CSU who have Cal-GETC certified as complete will still need to complete requirements at that college. These often include completing nine (9) semester units of upper-division general education (GE) after transfer. There may also be additional campus- or major-specific graduation requirements beyond general education coursework.

AREA 1: English Communication

Complete THREE COURSES: (Minimum 9 units) 3 units from each subject area: 1A, 1B, and 1C

Code	Course Name	Units
1A: English Composition		
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	3
ENGL C1000E^	Academic Reading and Writing (Embedded Support)	5
1B: Critical Thinking and Composition		
COMM 2	Argumentation	3
ENGL C1001	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
HIST 5*	Introduction to the History and Philosophy of Science	3
1C: Oral Communication		
COMM C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking	3

AREA 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning

Complete ONE COURSE: (Minimum 3 units)

Code	Course Name	Units
MATH 6	Mathematics for Liberal Arts	3
MATH 12	Finite Mathematics	3

MATH 16	Precalculus	5
MATH C2210	Calculus I: Early Transcendentals	4
MATH C2220	Calculus II: Early Transcendentals	4
MATH 18C	Calculus III	5
MATH 26	Linear Algebra	3
MATH 28	Differential Equations	3
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics	4

AREA 3: Arts and Humanities

Complete TWO COURSES: (Minimum 6 units) 3 units from 3A, and 3 units from 3B

Code	Course Name	Units

3A: Arts

ART 13	Art of Africa, Asia, Australia, and the Americas	3
ART 14	Art Appreciation	3
ART 15	History of Graphic Design	3
ARTH C1100	Survey of Art from Prehistory to Medieval Era	3
ARTH C1200	Survey of Art from the Renaissance to Contemporary	3
DRAMA 10	Introduction to the Theatre	3
MUSIC 2	Introduction to Music	3
MUSIC 10	Survey of Music History and Literature: Ancient to 1750	3
MUSIC 11	Survey of Music History and Literature: 1750 to Present	3
MUSIC 12	American Popular Music: Blues and Jazz to Rock 'n' Roll	3

3B: Humanities

ENGL C1002	Introduction to Literature	3
ENGL 11	Film Appreciation	3
ENGL 12	Children's Literature	3
ENGL 17	American Literature: Colonial Period - Late 19th Century	3
ENGL 18	American Literature: Late 19th Century - Modern Day	3
ENGL 46	Survey of British Literature: Anglo-Saxon Period - 18th Century	3
ENGL 47	Survey of British Literature: 19th and 20th Centuries and Beyond	3
ENGL 49	California Literature	3
ETHS 20	African American Literature and the Black Experience	3
HIST 5*	Introduction to the History and Philosophy of Science	3
HUMAN 1	Old World Culture	3
HUMAN 2	Modern Culture	3
HUMAN 3	World Culture	3
HUMAN 4	World Religions and Spirituality	3
PHILO 1	Introduction to Philosophy	3
SIGN 40B	ASL - Elementary Communication with the Deaf	3
SIGN 40C	ASL - Intermediate Communication with the Deaf	3

AREA 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Complete TWO COURSES: (Minimum 6 units) from 2 different disciplines

Code	Course Name	Units
ANTHR 1*	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTHR 2	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTHR 10	Archaeology	3
CHILD 1	Child Growth and Development	3
COMM 5	Intercultural Communication	3
ECON C2001	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON C2002	Principles of Macroeconomics	3

ETHS 1	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
ETHS 5*	Race and Ethnicity in America	3
ETHS 15*	Native People of North America	3
GEOGR 12	Cultural Geography	3
GEOGR 20	World Regional Geography	3
HLTH 1	Introduction to Public Health	3
HLTH 14	Health and Social Justice	3
HHP 2	Women's Health Issues	3
HHP 63	Sociology of Sport	3
HIST 11	History of California	3
HIST 13	World Civilizations: to 1500	3
HIST 14	World Civilizations: 1500 to Present	3
HIST C1001	United States History to 1877	3
HIST C1002	United States History since 1865	3
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	3
POLSC 12	Political Theory	3
POLSC 14	International Relations	3
POLSC 16	Comparative Government and Politics	3
PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYCH 5	Human Sexual Behavior	3
PSYCH 10	Lifespan Human Development	3
PSYCH 20	Sport Psychology	3
PSYCH 24	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYCH 35	Introduction to Drugs and Behavior	3
SOCIO 1	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCIO 2	American Society: Social Problems and Deviance	3
SOCIO 7	Gender, Culture and Society	3
SOCIO 12	Sociology of the Family	3

AREA 5: Physical and Biological Sciences

Complete at least TWO COURSES: (Minimum 7 units) one in 5A, one in 5B, and one in 5C unless the course meets a lab requirement as designated by a + symbol

Code	Course Name	Units

5A: Physical Sciences

ASTRO 40	Descriptive Astronomy	3
CHEM 2A	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 2B	General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 4A	Organic Chemistry I	3
CHEM 4B	Organic Chemistry II	3
CHEM 5	Introductory Chemistry: Environmental Emphasis	3
CHEM 14	Fundamental Chemistry for Allied Health	3
ESC 5+	Physical Geology	4
ESC 10	Environmental Geology	3
ESC 23+	Historical Geology	4
ESC 33+	Introduction to the Earth	4
ESC 42	Natural Hazards	3
ESC 62	Meteorology	3
FNR 6	Soil Resources	3
GEOGR 15	Physical Geography	3
PHSCI 30+	Survey of Chemistry and Physics	4
PHYCS 1	Conceptual Physics	3
PHYCS 4A+	Introductory Physics I: Trigonometry Level (with Lab)	4

PHYCS 4B+	Introductory Physics II: Trigonometry Level (with Lab)	4
PHYCS 5A+	Physics I: Calculus Level	4
PHYCS 5B+	Physics II: Calculus Level	4
PHYCS 5C+	Physics III: Calculus Level	4

5B: Biological Sciences

ANTHR 1*	Biological Anthropology	3
BIOL 2+	Cell and Molecular Biology	4
BIOL 4+	Principles of Evolution and Zoology	4
BIOL 6+	Plant Biology and Ecology	4
BIOL 10+	Human Anatomy	4
BIOL 17+	Fundamentals of Biology	4
BIOL 24+	Introduction to Environmental Science	4
BIOL 60+	Human Physiology	4
BIOL 65+	Microbiology	4

5C: Laboratory

ANTHR 1L+	Biological Anthropology Laboratory	1
BIOL 2+	Cell and Molecular Biology	4
BIOL 4+	Principles of Evolution and Zoology	4
BIOL 6+	Plant Biology and Ecology	4
BIOL 10+	Human Anatomy	4
BIOL 17+	Fundamentals of Biology	4
BIOL 24+	Introduction to Environmental Science	4
BIOL 60+	Human Physiology	4
BIOL 65+	Microbiology	4
CHEM 2AL+	General Chemistry I Laboratory	2
CHEM 2BL+	General Chemistry II Laboratory	2
CHEM 4AL+	Organic Chemistry I Laboratory	2
CHEM 4BL+	Organic Chemistry II Laboratory	2
CHEM 5L+	Introductory Chemistry Laboratory	1
CHEM 14L+	Fundamental Chemistry for Allied Health Laboratory	1
ESC 5+	Physical Geology	4
ESC 23+	Historical Geology	4
ESC 33+	Introduction to the Earth	3
GEOGR 15L+	Physical Geography Lab	1
PHSCI 30+	Survey of Chemistry and Physics	4
PHYCS 4A+	Introductory Physics I: Trigonometry Level (with Lab)	4
PHYCS 4B+	Introductory Physics II: Trigonometry Level (with Lab)	4
PHYCS 5A+	Physics I: Calculus Level	4
PHYCS 5B+	Physics II: Calculus Level	4
PHYCS 5C+	Physics III: Calculus Level	4

AREA 6: Ethnic Studies

Complete ONE COURSE: (Minimum 3 units)

Code	Course Name	Units
ETHS 5*	Race and Ethnicity in America	3
ETHS 15*	Native People of North America	3

* Courses designated with an asterisk (*) may be counted in one area only.

^ Only 3 units are UC transferable.

+ Course includes a laboratory component.

Additional Transfer Preparation

Some additional requirements or recommendations can help support transfer success, but they are not part of the Cal-GETC pattern. These include the UC 7-Course Pattern, LOTE (Language Other Than English) for UC graduation, American Ideals for CSU graduation, NCAA eligibility, and other UC or CSU admissions requirements.

University of California

- Click here to review the UC Transfer Requirement page.
- UC Graduation Requirement {Language other than English (LOTE)} - Complete one course: SIGN 40B, SIGN 40C, OR complete 2 years of the same language with a C- or higher while in high school.
- 7-Course Pattern {General Education Pattern required to be eligible for general UC Transfer Admission, including UC TAG (Transfer Admissions Guarantee.)} Courses must be completed in the spring prior to transfer. Students are encouraged to establish a UC TAP account (Transfer Admission Planner).

California State University

- Click here to review the CSU Transfer Requirement page. Students may review CSU Application requirements by creating a Transfer Success Planner (TSP).
- CSU Graduation Requirement [US History, Constitution, and American Ideals] - Complete one course: POLS C1000 OR complete one course: HIST C1001 or HIST C1002

NCAA

- A different course pattern may be needed to meet eligibility. Please contact the Counseling Office to speak directly to the Athletic Counselor.