Cal-GETC Advisement Sheet

California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)

Fall 2026–Summer 2027

AREA 1—English Communication

Three courses and a minimum of 9 semester or 12 quarter units are required.
Select **one course from each group** (1A, 1B, and 1C):

		C	IP	N
1A.	**English Composition** (a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units)			
	ENGL C1000			
1B.	**Critical Thinking & Composition** (a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units)			
	ENGL C1001/C1001H, C1003/C1003H; **PHIL** 100			
1C.	**Oral Communication** (a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units)			
	COMM C1000			

AREA 2—Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning

One course and a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units are required. Select **one** of the following courses:

C	IP	N

BTEC 180; **BUS** 204; **CSIT** 123; **MATH** C2210/C2210E/C2210H, C2220, 112, 115, 126, 126S, 131, 135, 260; **PSYC** 104/104H; **SOCI** 125; **STAT** C1000/C1000E/C1000H

AREA 3—Arts & Humanities

Two courses and a minimum of 6 semester or 8 quarter units are required.
Select **one course from each group** (3A and 3B):

		C	IP	N
3A.	**Arts:**			
	ART 104, 201, 234, 254, 290 **ARTH** C1100, C1200, 157, 158, 159, 260/260H **DESN** 107, 108 **DNCE** 100, 101, 105 **DRAM** 105, 134, 222 **FILM** 101/101H, 106, 111, 112 **MAT** 105 **MUS** 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 119			
3B.	**Humanities:**			
	ART 159 **CCS** 232 **COMM** 215 **DESN** 108 **DNCE** 104 **ENGL** C1002 **FILM** 111, 112, 211, 212 **FREN** 121, 201, 202; **GRMN** 121 **HIST** 100/100H, 101/101H, 103, 104, 115, 116, 141, 142, 145, 146, 165 **HUMN** 101, 202, 205 **ITAL** 121, 201, 202 **JAPN** 121, 123, 201, 202, 210 **LIT** 100, 122, 250, 251, 260, 261, 265, 270, 271 **MAT** 105 **PHIL** 101/101H, 102, 221 **RELG** 101/101H, 103, 105 **SPAN** 121, 201, 202, 205, 221, 222			

AREA 4—Social & Behavioral Sciences

Two courses and a minimum of 6 semester or 8 quarter units are required. Select **two** courses from **two** academic disciplines:

C	IP	N

ADM 100, 200
ANTH 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 120, 190
BLST 100
CCS 100, 232
CDEV C1000, 112, 210, 235
COMM 120, 135, 220
CSIT 160, 165
ECON C2001, C2002, 100
ETHN 207
GEOG 102, 104, 108
GERO 101, 250
HIST C1001/C1001H, C1002/C1002H, 100/100H, 101/101H, 102, 107, 113, 115, 116, 117, 141, 142, 145, 146, 150, 165
NUTR 108
POLS C1000, 101/101H, 103, 150
PSYC C1000/C1000H, 100, 103, 114, 115, 121, 125, 145, 170, 211
SOCI C1000/C1000H, 102, 103, 105, 120, 130, 140, 145, 207, 250

AREA 5—Physical & Biological Sciences

Two courses and a minimum of 7 semester or 9 quarter units are required.
Select **one** course from group 5A and **one** course from group 5B.
One course must include a corresponding laboratory (noted by the # symbol).

		C	IP	N
5A.	**Physical Science:**			
	ASTR C1001; 120 **CHEM** 103, 112#, 115#, 140#, 150#, 151# **EART** 106 **GEOG** 101 **GEOL** 101 **OCEA** 101/101H **PHSN** 106 **PHYS** 111#, 112#, 151#, 152#, 253#			
5B.	**Biological Science:**			
	ANTH C1001/C1001H, 105, 190 **BIO** 102#, 103, 104#, 105, 107#, 108, 110#, 111, 202#, 204#, 220#, 230# **HORT** 115#, 116# **NUTR** 100 **PSYC** 260			
5C.	**Laboratory:**			

This requirement may be met by the completion of any course that includes a laboratory found above in 5A or 5B (noted by the # symbol) or a course designated as "L" that corresponds to a 5A or 5B course.

C	IP	N

ANTH C1001L
ASTR C1001L
BIO 108L, 111L
CHEM 103L
GEOG 101L
GEOL 101L
OCEA 101L

AREA 6—Ethnic Studies

One course and a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units are required. Select **one** course from the following:

C	IP	N

BLST 100; **CCS** 100, 232; **ETHN** 100/100H, 207; **SOCI** 207

CSU American Institutions Graduation Requirement

US History, Constitution, and American Ideals:

Complete **one** course from Group I ***and*** **one** course from Group II, ***or*** complete the course in Group III.

C	IP	N

Group I: **HIST** C1001/C1001H, 116, 141, 145
and
Group II: **HIST** C1002/C1002H, 117, 142, 146, 165
or
Group III: **POLS** C1000

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This general education certification pattern can be subject to change year by year, but students are assured that courses taken to meet this pattern will be honored if they are approved for the academic year that the course is completed. **Courses on this list are approved effective fall 2026 and are valid through summer 2027.**

Certification of this general education pattern is advantageous to most transfer students, but it is not a UC or CSU admission requirement except when students are completing an Associate Degree for Transfer to a California State University. Students are strongly advised to work with a MiraCosta College counselor to develop an educational plan that includes general education and major preparation coursework specific to their intended UC or CSU campus.

Credit will not be awarded for both the honors and non-honors version of a course.

Courses listed in two different areas may be used in either area but not both.

All courses on Cal-GETC must be completed with a "C" or better. A "P" (pass) is acceptable, but no more than 14 transferable semester units may be completed on a pass/no pass basis.

UC credit may be limited for some courses. For example, no credit is given for an introductory course if it is taken after a more advanced college course. Credit may also be limited for courses with overlapping content. UC credit limitations are noted in course descriptions.

LEGEND: **C**=Completed **IP**=In Progress **N**=Need

PROGRESS: Total Units Completed: In Progress: Need:

Cal-GETC Frequently Asked Questions

California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)

What is Cal-GETC?

California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is a pattern of courses that students can complete at MiraCosta College to fulfill general education requirements at a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campus.

Is Cal-GETC required for transfer to a UC or CSU campus?

No. No. Cal-GETC is not an admission requirement for transfer to either the UC or CSU, nor does completing it guarantee admission to the campus or program of choice. Cal-GETC may not be best for students in high unit majors such as math and sciences, and some UC campuses will not accept Cal-GETC for certain majors. Cal-GETC is an alternative to completing the lower-division general education or breadth program at a CSU or UC campus for many transfer students but not all.

What are the minimum UC requirements for an upper-division transfer student?

1. Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.4.
2. Complete the following course pattern requirements, earning a grade of "C" or better in each course: two transferable college courses (3 semester units each) in English Composition; one transferable college course (3 semester units) in Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning; four transferable college courses (3 semester units each) chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: Arts and Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Physical and Biological Sciences.

Completion of Cal-GETC will fulfill the requirements listed under section 2.

What are the minimum CSU requirements for an upper-division transfer student?

1. Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit, of which 30 semester (45 quarter) units are at a level equivalent to general education courses.
2. Attain a GPA of 2.0 or better across all transferable college courses attempted. In high-demand majors and campuses, a higher GPA may be required.
3. Be in good standing at the last college or university attended. "Good standing" means you are eligible to re-enroll at your last college or university.
4. Complete one course in each of the following four areas with a grade of "C-" or better:

   Area 1A—English Composition
   Area 1B—Critical Thinking and Composition
   Area 1C—Oral Communication
   Area 2—Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning

What is certification of Cal-GETC?

"Certification" refers to official notification from MiraCosta College that a student transferring to any UC/CSU campus has completed courses fulfilling lower-division general education requirements. To obtain certification, students must complete the entire Cal-GETC course pattern with a grade of "C" or better in each course. "Certification" means the student will not be required to complete additional lower-division general education courses after transfer.

Can I get partial certification of Cal-GETC?

Yes.

Can Advanced Placement test scores be applied to Cal-GETC?

Yes. Students may earn Cal-GETC area credit for acceptable AP scores. Applying AP credit toward a major requirement will vary by UC/CSU campus. Please see a MiraCosta College counselor when using AP credit for transfer.

Language Other Than Englishh (LOTE)?

The UC Language Other Than English (LOTE) UC 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. If a student completed more than two years of a language other than English in high school, or more than two semesters (or three quarters) in college/university, or if the language of instruction was not English during secondary/university study outside the United States, this requirement may already be satisfied.

Does the UC have a US History, Constitution, and American Ideals graduation requirement?

Yes. Most students will satisfy this requirement through one year of US history or one half year of US history and one half year of US government in high school completed with a "C" or better (UCLA requires a "B") or a college-level course.

Can I complete Cal-GETC coursework at more than one college?

Yes. MiraCosta College will certify courses taken at other California community colleges. These courses will be placed in the same Cal-GETC category identified at the offering college. Courses taken at other regionally accredited colleges/universities that do not have a Cal-GETC pattern may be used on Cal-GETC if the course is comparable to an approved Cal-GETC course at MiraCosta College or another California community college. **Foreign coursework is not acceptable for Cal-GETC.**

Can a course be used to satisfy a Cal-GETC area and a major requirement?

Yes.

What if I have a mixture of quarter and semester unit courses? How is this calculated for certification?

It will be calculated to the student's advantage per area, using either semester or quarter units. To convert semester units to quarter units, multiply the semester units by 1.5. To convert quarter units to semester units, divide the quarter units by 1.5.

MiraCosta College Associate Degree Frequently Asked Questions

Can I use Cal-GETC to earn an associate degree?

Yes. Cal-GETC certification will satisfy the MiraCosta College general education requirements for an associate degree.

What are the other requirements to earn an associate degree when I complete Cal-GETC?

- **Unit/GPA**—60 degree applicable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- **Residency**—12 units completed at MiraCosta College
- **Major**—18 units with a letter grade of "C" or better or "P" if taken on a pass/no basis.

Can I use Cal-GETC to obtain a Certificate of Achievement?

Yes. Certification earns a Certificate of Achievement in Cal-GETC.

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