PASADENA CITY COLLEGE

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

The Cal-GETC is the singular lower division general education pathway for California Community College (CCC) students transferring to the California State University (CSU) or the University of California (UC).

1. Transfer to the CSU or UC system typically involves achieving junior standing by completing 60 transferrable units, including general education, major preparation, and/or electives. For the CSU system, 60 CSU-transferrable units must be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.0. For the UC system, 60 UC-transferrable units must be completed with a minimum GPA of 2.4. Up to 70 lower-division units may be applied to the bachelor's degree after transfer. See College Catalog for course transferability.
2. Cal-GETC certification requires completion of all requirements passed with a minimum grade of C prior to transfer.
3. Partial Cal-GETC certification is not granted.
4. Cal-GETC certification is not a requirement for admission to most UCs and CSUs. See an Academic Counselor for details.
5. Students whose majors require more than 30 units are encouraged to see an Academic Counselor and/or visit assist.org regarding the advisability of completing all major requirements instead of all general education requirements.
6. A course must be taken during a term approved for Cal-GETC (see assist.org). A course may be approved in multiple Cal-GETC Areas, but can only be used to satisfy a single Area 1-6 requirement. IGETC courses taken prior to Fall 2025 may be applied in the same Cal-GETC Area for certification, including courses that are not officially included in Cal-GETC or are no longer active.
7. Continuing students who began at a CCC prior to Fall 2025 and have maintained rights to the former general education patterns may qualify for IGETC and/or CSU GE certification in lieu of Cal-GETC certification. See an Academic Counselor for details.

Cal-GETC Requirements (34 units)

AREA 1 - ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

Complete three courses: one English Composition, one Critical Thinking and Composition, and one Oral Communication. 9 semester or 12 quarter units.

Select from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
AREA 1A – ENGLISH COMPOSITION (3 semester or 4 quarter units) English C1000, C1000H English as a Second Language 001A			
AREA 1B – CRITICAL THINKING AND COMPOSITION (3 semester or 4 quarter units) English C1001, C1001H, C1003[1], C1003H[1] Philosophy 025, 025H Physical Science 002			
AREA 1C – ORAL COMMUNICATION (3 semester or 4 quarter units) Communication C1000, C1000H (SPCH 010 only if completed Summer 2025 or earlier)			

AREA 2 - MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING

Complete one course. 3 semester or 4 quarter units.

Select from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
Business 014A, 014B[2] Math 003[2], 004Z, 005A[2], 005AE[2], 005AH[2], 005B[2], 005BE[2], 005BH[2], 005C, 005CH, 006A[2], 009[2], 010, 010H, 015, 022, 055, 055H Statistics C1000[2], C1000H[2], 015[2], 018[2]			

AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Complete two courses: one Arts and one Humanities. 6 semester or 8 quarter units.

Select from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
AREA 3A – ARTS (3 semester or 4 quarter units) Architecture 024A, 024B Art 001C, 003A, 003B, 004A, 004B, 004C, 004D, 005, 007, 008, 009, 014 Art History C1100[1], C1200[1] Chinese 022, 050 Cinema 007A, 007B, 025 Dance 021A, 021B Design Media Art 002 French 050 Italian 050 Japanese 050 Music 007A, 007B, 021, 022, 023, 024A, 024B, 025, 027, 028 Photography 010 Popular Music 007 Spanish 050 Theater Arts 001, 005A, 005B			

Area 3 continued	Need	In Progress	Complete
AREA 3B – HUMANITIES (3 semester or 4 quarter units) Chinese 003[3], 004[3], 005, 010, 012 English 010, 011, 024, 025A, 025C, 025D, 025E, 025F, 025G, 025H, 025I, 025J, 026, 030A, 030B, 030C, 044A, 044B, 044C, 045A, 045B, 046A, 046B, 048, 049A, 049B, 053, 054, 055[4], 057, 058, 059, 060, 061, 065[4], 075[4], 078A, 078B, 082A, 082B, 085[4] Ethnic Studies[4] 051, 055, 061A[5], 061B[5], 065, 071[5], 075, 081[5], 085 French 003[3], 004[3], 006, 010, 012, 016 German 003[3], 004[3], 005, 010, 012 History[4] C1001[1,5], C1001H[1,5], C1002[1,5], C1002H[1,5], 001A, 001B, 002A, 002B, 005A, 005B, 008, 009A, 009B, 016, 018, 019, 025B[5], 025D, 025F, 025I, 027A, 027B, 030, 051, 061A[5], 061B[5], 071[5], 081[5] Humanities 001, 002, 003, 004 Italian 003[3], 004[3], 010, 012 Japanese 003[3], 004[3], 005, 010, 011, 012 Linguistics 010, 011, 015 Philosophy 001, 001H, 003, 007, 008, 020A, 020B, 031, 037 Portuguese 003[3], 004[3] Religious Studies 001, 002, 003 Russian 011 Spanish 003[3], 004[3], 005, 006A, 006B, 012, 025, 031, 042A[2], 042B[2], 044A[2], 044B[2]			

AREA 4 – SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Complete two courses: two academic disciplines. 6 semester or 8 quarter units.

Select from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
American Sign Language 015 Anthropology 001[4], 001H[4], 002, 002H, 003, 004, 005, 006, 009, 012, 086[4] Communication 001 Economics C2001[1], C2001H[1], C2002[1], C2002H[1] English 012 Environmental Studies 002 Ethnic Studies[4] 014, 014H, 051, 061A[5], 061B[5], 062, 063, 071[5], 072, 073, 081[5], 082, 083, 086 Geography 002, 003 Global Studies 001, 002 Health Education 051 History[4] C1001[1,5], C1001H[1,5], C1002[1,5], C1002H[1,5], 001A, 001B, 002A, 002B, 005A, 005B, 008, 009A, 009B, 016, 018, 019, 025B[5], 025D, 025F, 025I, 027, 027A, 027B, 030, 051, 061A[5], 061B[5], 071[5], 081[5] Linguistics 012, 014, 016, 017 Political Science C1000[5], 002, 006, 007, 021, 022 Psychology C1000, C1000H, 002[4], 003, 005, 021[2], 021H[2], 022[2], 023, 024[2], 025, 062[4], 072, 082[4] Social Science 017 Sociology 001, 001H, 002, 014[4], 014H[4], 015, 016, 022, 024, 030, 035, 063[4], 073[4], 083[4] Speech 013			
Select a second Area 4 course from above (must be from a different discipline)			

AREA 5 – PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Complete at least two courses: one Physical Science and one Biological Science. A one-semester or one-quarter unit lab must be completed corresponding to one of these two courses, either embedded within the course (underlined below) or a separate associated lab listed in Area 5C. 7 semester units or 9 quarter units.

Select from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
AREA 5A – PHYSICAL SCIENCES (3 semester or 4 quarter units) Agriculture Plant Science 004[4], 012 Astronomy 001[2,6], 012[2] Chemistry 001A[2], 001B[2], 002A[2], 002B[2], 008A, 008B, 022[2] Environmental Studies 001, 003 Geography 001, 004 Geology 001[2], 002, 003[2], 004, 006, 012, 021, 022, 023 Physical Science 003[2] Physics 002A[2], 002B[2], 008A[2], 008B[2], 008C[2], 010[2], 031A[2], 031B[2]			

Area 5 continued	Need	In Progress	Complete
AREA 5B – BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (3 semester or 4 quarter units) Agriculture Plant Science 004[4] Anatomy 025 Anthropology 001[4], 001H[4] Biology 002, 003, 004, 010A, 010B, 010C[2], 011[2], 011H[2], 014, 016, 038, 039[2] Microbiology 002 Nutrition 011 Physiology 001 Psychology 002[4]			
AREA 5C – LABORATORY (1 semester or 1 quarter unit) Complete one of the following if neither course completed in Area 5A or 5B include a lab: Anthropology 001L Geography 001L Geology 001F[2], 002F, 003F[2], 012F[2], 012L, 021L Physical Science 003L[2] Physics 010L			

AREA 6 – ETHNIC STUDIES

Complete one course. 3 semester units or 4 quarter units.

Select from below	Need	In Progress	Complete
Anthropology[4] 086 English[4] 055, 065, 075, 085 Ethnic Studies[4] 014, 014H, 051, 055, 061A[5], 061B[5], 062, 063, 065, 071[5], 073, 075, 081[5], 082, 083, 085, 086 History[4] 051, 061A[5], 061B[5], 071[5], 081[5] Psychology[4] 062, 082 Sociology[4] 014, 014H, 063, 073, 083			

[1] See the Common Course Numbering (CCN) crosswalk on the next page.
[2] UC transfer credit limitations. See an Academic Counselor or assist.org for more information.
[3] May meet a UC graduation requirement. See an Academic Counselor for more information.
[4] Courses listed in more than one area may be certified only in a single area (Areas 1-6).
[5] Meets a CSU graduation requirement. See an Academic Counselor for more information.
[6] ASTR 001 must be combined with a 4 (or more) semester unit course to meet the 7 unit minimum for Area 5.

University Graduation Requirements

The CSU and UC have graduation requirements that may be completed prior to transfer. These are not required for Cal-GETC certification or transfer admission but may be double-counted with noted requirements above.

CSU Graduation Requirement – AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS

Select from below (reminder: not required for Cal-GETC certification)	Need	In Progress	Complete
US-1: Historical development of American institutions and ideals Ethnic Studies 061A, 061B, 071, 081 History C1001[1], C1001H[1], C1002[1], C1002H[1], 025B, 061A, 061B, 071, 081			
US-2: US Constitution and government and US-3: CA state and local government Political Science C1000[1]			

UC Graduation Requirement – LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH

This requirement varies at each UC. It is typically fulfilled by completing two to three years of high school study in the same language with a C or higher, eligible AP/IB exam scores, or completing a college course. Consult with a UC admissions representative to confirm if a course listed below, deemed to be equivalent to 2 years of high school study, meets the requirement at the specific UC campus. Students who received formal education in grades 6-12 taught in a language other than English should see an Academic Counselor.

Select from below (reminder: not required for Cal-GETC certification)	Need	In Progress	Complete
American Sign Language 002, 003, 004 Arabic 001, 002 Armenian 001, 002 Chinese 001, 002, 002A, 003, 004 French 001, 002, 003, 004 German 001, 002, 003, 004 Italian 001, 002, 003, 004 Japanese 001, 002, 003, 004 Latin 001, 002 Portuguese 001, 002, 003, 004 Russian 001, 002, 003, 004 Spanish 001, 002, 002A, 003, 004 2+ years of a language other than English completed in high school (C or higher), AP, IB			

Common Course Numbering Crosswalk

The Common Course Numbering (CCN) system is a state-mandated initiative (AB 1111) designed to simplify student transfer and ensure uniformity in course numbering across California Community Colleges. Below is information comparing the former PCC course subject and number with the new CCN course subject and number adopted in Fall 2026. Refer to the PCC CCN website for more information, including a crosswalk of CCN courses adopted in previous academic years.

Courses completed prior to CCN can be applied to Cal-GETC as long as the former version was approved for the equivalent area.

Former course subject and number (prior to Fall 2026)	CCN course subject and number (effective Fall 2026)
ART 001A	ARTH C1100
ART 001B	ARTH C1200
ECON 001A	ECON C2002
ECON 001AH	ECON C2002H
ECON 001B	ECON C2001
ECON 001BH	ECON C2001H
ENGL 001B	ENGL C1003
ENGL 001BH	ENGL C1003H
HIST 007A	HIST C1001
HIST 007AH	HIST C1001H
HIST 007B	HIST C1002
HIST 007BH	HIST C1002H

Rights to Former General Education Patterns

Cal-GETC certification is not required for students with:

- Continuous enrollment prior to Fall 2025 (i.e. enrolled in at least one regular semester each academic year).
- Official transcripts indicating conferral of an Associate Degree for Transfer or full certification of IGETC or CSU GE Breadth.

Students who began prior to Fall 2025 have rights to the former transfer general education patterns of IGETC or CSU GE Breadth.

- Students may present an IGETC-UC certification to the UC beginning with the version that was current when they began at a CCC.
- Students may present an IGETC-CSU certification or CSU GE Breadth certification to the CSU beginning with the version that was current when they began as an undergraduate at a CSU or a CCC if they were continuously enrolled and maintained catalog rights (i.e. enrolled in at least one regular semester each academic year).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Is Cal-GETC certification required for transfer?**
   Cal-GETC certification is typically not required for transfer to a CSU or UC, however, some impacted programs may require completion of a general education pattern.
2. **I earned a C (or higher) in SPCH 010 and want to get Cal-GETC certification. Can I use SPCH 010 on Cal-GETC?**
   SPCH 010 completed Summer 2025 or earlier applies to Cal-GETC Area 1C, similarly to IGETC Area 1C. However, SPCH 010 completed Fall 2025 or later does not apply to any Cal-GETC area.
3. **I graduated high school in Spring 2025 and was concurrently enrolled at PCC and/or took dual enrollment classes at my high school. Am I able to follow the IGETC or CSU GE Breadth if I want to transfer to a CSU?**
   If you remained continuously enrolled, you are eligible for CSU GE Breadth or IGETC-CSU certification. If you had a break in enrollment after your last concurrent/dual enrolled course and return to PCC in Fall 2025 or later, you'll only be eligible for Cal-GETC certification.
4. **Can I follow Cal-GETC if I'm a continuing student and started at PCC prior to Fall 2025?**
   Yes! Students have the option to switch over to Cal-GETC, but are not required to. Students may be certified based on the GE pattern in place when they began at and/or returned to a CCC, or the pattern in place at the time of certification.
5. **Can I use AP credit on Cal-GETC?**
   Yes! AP tests passed with a score of 3 or higher earn college credit and select AP credit may be applied to Cal-GETC. Refer to the AP chart in the College Catalog to determine which Cal-GETC Area each test applies to.
6. **I've taken courses at another California Community College. Can I use those for Cal-GETC certification?**
   Courses from California Community Colleges will be applied to the subject area in which it is listed by the institution where the course was completed. You can find this information on assist.org.
7. **I've completed courses at a university or out-of-state institution. Can I use those for Cal-GETC certification?**
   Appropriate courses completed at institutions with ICAS approved accreditation may be applied to Cal-GETC subject areas after an official transcript evaluation. See an Academic Counselor to request this once you've completed 12 units at PCC.
8. **What are UC transfer credit limitations?**
   Units from courses with overlapping content may not apply separately towards the 60 units required for transfer to the UC (i.e. if you completed BUS 014B and then MATH 005A, only one of those courses will apply towards transfer to the UC). You can consult with an Academic Counselor and/or refer to the UC Transferable Courses list on assist.org to learn the details about each UC credit limitation noted in the courses above on Cal-GETC.

Disclaimer: This document is based on the statewide Cal-GETC Standards Version 1.3 and is subject to change.