SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS 2026-2027

The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) pattern allows California Community College students to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements of the California State University (CSU) and most University of California (UC) campuses prior to transfer. Cal-GETC is also accepted by some private/independent and out of state colleges/universities. The curriculum consists of a 34-unit pattern with six areas of concentration. Please consult with a counselor for additional information.

*****Courses listed in multiple areas shall be certified in one area.
+Transfer credit may be limited by either the CSU or UC

Area 1 English Communication
Minimum 9 semester units. Select three courses: one course each from Area 1A, 1B and 1C.

Area 1A English Composition	Area 1B Critical Thinking and English Composition	Area 1C Oral Communication
English 105; C1000	**English** C1001; **Geography** 205; **History** 205; **Philosophy** 205	**Communication Studies** C1000

Area 2 Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning
Minimum 3 semester units. Select one course.

Biology 200+; **Business Administration** 115+; **Computer and Information Sciences** 246; **Mathematics** 116+, 118, 121+, 122+, 141+, 150+, 151+, 245, 252, 254, 255; **Political Science** 201+; **Psychology** 258+; **Statistics** C1000

Area 3 Arts and Humanities
Minimum 6 semester units. Select two courses: one course each from Area 3A and Area 3B

Area 3A Arts

Art-Fine Art 100, 106, 107, 108*, 109, 110, 111, 113+, 115+, 120+, 125, 130, 188*, 191*, 194, **Art History** C1100 (formerly ARTF 110); C1200 (formerly ARTF 111); **Black Studies** 110, 111+, 120; **Chicana/o Studies** 230, 250; **Dramatic Arts** 105, 107, 109, 150, 151, 205; **Fashion** 122; **Music** 100, 103, 109, 111, 114, 117, 118, 119, 125. 126, 131, 138

Area 3B Humanities

American Sign Language 121, 150*, 220, 221; **Architecture** 126, 127; **Art-Fine Art** 108*, 188*, 191*; **Black Studies** 145A*, 145B*, 150, 155; **Chicana/o Studies** 130, 135, 138, 190, 210*; **Chinese** 102, 201, 202; **English** 209, 210, 211, 215, 216, 220, 221, 230, 234, 237, 240, C1002 (formerly 208); **French** 102, 201, 202; **German** 102, 201; **History** 100*, 101*, 105*, 106*, 120*, 121*, 131*, 132*; **Humanities** 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 118, 119, 201, 205, 210; **Italian** 102, 201; **Japanese** 102, 201, 202; **Native American and Indigenous Studies** 200; **Philosophy** 102A, 102B, 103, 104A, 104B, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 125, 126*, 130, 131; **Russian** 102, 201; **Spanish** 102+*, 201*+, 202*, 215*, 216*, 221, 222*; **Vietnamese** 102, 201

Area 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences
Minimum 6 semester units. Select two courses from two different disciplines.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies 103, 124*, 125*, 127, 130*; **American Sign Language** 150*; **Anthropology** 103, 107, 110, 117, 140, 215; **Art-Fine Art** 108*; **Black Studies** 100*, 104+, 116, 125, 130, 140A+*, 140B+*, 145A*, 145B*, 175; **Chicana/o Studies** 110A*, 110B*, 140, 141A+, 141B+; 150, 155, 170, 201, 210*; **Child Development** 101; **Communication Studies** 135; **Economics** C2001 (formerly 120), C2002 (formerly 121), 220; **English** 202; **Filipino American Studies** 100; **Geography** 102, 104, 135, 154; **Health Education** 103, 104; **History** 100*, 101*, 105*, 106*, 115A, 115B, 120*, 121*, 123, 130, 131*, 132*, 135, 141+, 142+, 150+, 151+, 154, 175; C1001+ (formerly 109), C1002+ (formerly 110); **Journalism** 202; **Native American and Indigenous Studies** 100, 150; **Nutrition** 153; **Philosophy** 109, 126*; **Political Science** 101, 103, 121, 123, 124, 140, C1000; **Psychology** 111, 112, 121+, 133, 135, 137+, 155, 166, 211, 230, 245, 283; C1000+; **Public Administration** 110; **Sociology** 101, 110, 125, 145, 150, 201, 207, 220, 223; **Sustainability** 101; **Spanish** 222*; **Women's Studies** 101

Area 5 Physical and Biological Sciences Minimum 7 semester units. Select two courses: one course each from Area 5A and Area 5B. One course must include a laboratory. Area 5C includes corresponding laboratory courses to the lecture only courses listed in Areas 5A and 5B.
Area 5A Physical Science
Astronomy 101, 102; **Chemistry** 100+, 103(w/lab), 111, 130+, 152+, 160, 200, 201, 231+, 233, 251(w/lab), **Geography** 101; **Geology** 100, 104, 111(w/lab); 130(w/lab); **Oceanography** 101 (formerly Physical Science 120); **Physical Science** 100+, 105+, 114; **Physics** 100(w/lab)+, 125(w/lab)+, 126(w/lab)+, 180A, 180B, 195(w/lab)+, 196(w/lab)+, 197(w/lab)+
Area 5B Biological Science
Anthropology 102; **Biology** 100(w/lab)+, 107(w/lab)+, 110, 115(w/lab), 120+, 130, 180+, 205 (w/lab), 210A (w/lab), 210B (w/lab), 215 (w/lab)+, 230 (w/lab), 235 (w/lab), 250 (w/lab)+; **Psychology** 260
Area 5C Science Laboratory Laboratory course must correspond to the lecture course in Physical Science (Area 5A) or Life Science (Area 5B)
Anthropology 104; **Astronomy** 109+, 111+; **Chemistry** 100L+, 111L, 130L+, 152L+, 200L, 201L, 231L+, 233L; **Geography** 101L; **Geology** 101, 111, 120; **Physical Science** 101+; **Physics** 181A, 181B; **Psychology** 260L
Area 6 Ethnic Studies *Minimum 3 semester units. Select one course.*
Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies 124*, 125*, 130*; **Black Studies** 100*, 140A*, 140B*; **Chicana/o Studies** 110A*, 110B*

The following CSU and UC graduation requirements are independent from Cal-GETC requirements; however, students may fulfill the requirements prior to transfer. Courses which satisfy the CSU American Institutions (AI) and the UC Language Other Than English (LOTE) requirements may also fulfill Cal-GETC requirements. Please consult with a counselor for additional information.

CSU American Institutions (AI) Requirement *Select a combination of courses which satisfy US Areas 1, 2 and 3.*
AREA US-1 *Historical Development of American Institutions and Ideals* **Black Studies** 140A, 140B; **Chicana/o Studies** 141A, 141B; **History** 115A, 115B, 123, 141, 142, 150, 151, C1001+ (formerly 109), C1002+ (formerly 110); **Political Science** 121
AREA US-2 *Constitution of the United States* **Black Studies** 140A; **Chicana/o Studies** 141A; **History** 115A, 141, 150, C1001+ (formerly 109); **Political Science** 121, C1000
AREA US-3 *California State and Local Government* **Black Studies** 140B; **Chicana/o Studies** 141B; **History** 115B, 123, 142, 151, 175, C1002+ (formerly 110); **Political Science** 102
UC Language Other Than English (LOTE) Requirement *Proficiency equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language.*
American Sign Language 120, 121, 220, 221; **Chinese** 101, 102, 201, 202; **French** 101, 102, 201, 202; **German** 101, 102, 201; **Italian** 101, 102, 201; **Japanese** 101, 102, 201, 202; **Russian** 101, 102, 201; **Spanish** 101+, 102+*, 201*, 202*, 215*, 216*; **Vietnamese** 101, 102, 201