The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) 2025-2026

This pattern is for students who began a California Community College Fall 2025 or later, or those who have not maintained catalog rights. See a counselor for details.

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the singular general education pathway for California Community College (CCC) students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for both the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC). The curriculum and its policies are overseen by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS), representing faculty from California's three segments of public higher education.

Completion of Cal-GETC does NOT guarantee admission, nor is it required for admission for most majors. Some students may be better served by taking courses that fulfill the requirements of the UC campus or other college to which they plan to transfer. Students pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division major preparation may not find the Cal-GETC option to be advantageous as they should focus on completing lower division major preparation courses and meeting minimum admissions requirements. Engineering, Architecture, and Liberal Studies are examples of those majors. UC Berkeley Haas School of Business and College of Engineering as well as UC Riverside College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences will not accept Cal-GETC. Schools of Engineering do not generally recommend the Cal-GETC. Before selecting any courses, please see a counselor for assistance in planning your program.

Courses completed at a California Community College will be applied to the subject area in which they were listed by the institution where the work was completed – see ASSIST.org. Coursework from other United States Institutionally accredited, (formerly regionally accredited) institutions may be used on Cal-GETC. Coursework must be evaluated by a counselor. All courses must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. A "Credit" or "Pass" that is defined by institutional policy as being equivalent to a grade of C (2.0) or higher may be applied to meet Cal-GETC requirements. Courses used to meet Cal-GETC requirements must have a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units. (Exceptions may be made for English Composition and math). See a counselor for details. **Foreign coursework from non-institutionally accredited institutions (formerly US regionally accredited institutions) may not be used.**

Course credit earned on the basis of acceptable scores on Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams can be applied toward Cal-GETC certification:

CHART AND EXAM LINKS
Advanced Placement (AP) Tests and SMC GE Chart: ap-chart.pdf
International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams: ib-chart.pdf

Cal-GETC CERTIFICATION

The Cal-GETC requirements must be completed and certified prior to transfer. "Certification" means that the last California Community College a student attended for a regular term (Fall or Spring for semester schools or Fall, Winter, Spring for quarter schools) prior to transfer to the UC or CSU system will verify that the student has completed the Cal-GETC requirements. It is the student's responsibility to request Cal-GETC certification from SMC to the university that the student will be attending. **Note that Cal-GETC is not a UC admission requirement.**

Cal-GETC certification requests can be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office at any time during the school year. Be sure to check with your transfer institution to find out their deadline for submitting proof of Cal-GETC certification, as deadlines may vary by campus.

Before petitioning for Cal-GETC certification, students are strongly urged to consult with their Santa Monica College counselor and verify that they have fulfilled their Cal-GETC requirements.

Some private and out-of-state colleges and universities will accept the completed Cal-GETC to meet their lower division general education requirements.

Partial Cal-GETC certification—meaning you are missing no more than two courses from Areas 3, 4, 5, or 6—is accepted by only a limited number of majors at UC campuses. Before you transfer, it's very important to check directly with the UC campus to confirm that your intended major accepts partial Cal-GETC certification. Partial certifications must be accompanied by a Cal-GETC Certification form that specifies exactly how many courses are missing from each area. Please note that no CSU campuses accept partial Cal-GETC certification, and partial certification cannot be used to meet the requirements for an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT).

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) Requirements

All courses must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. Courses used to meet Cal-GETC requirements must have a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units.

Students who plan to transfer need to know which courses completed at Santa Monica College will be accepted at the college/university they plan to attend.

Santa Monica College major articulation agreements with the California State University (CSU), the University of California (UC) and some private California Colleges can be found on the Articulation System Stimulating Inter-Institutional Transfer website ASSIST.ORG

AREA 1 - ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

GROUP 1A: ENGLISH COMPOSITION: 1 course (3 semester/4 quarter units)

- ENGL (1) *(see ENGL C1000)*, C1000 *(formerly ENGL 1)*

or

- ENGL 1D

GROUP 1B - CRITICAL THINKING: (3 semester/4 quarter units) 1 course

• ENGL (2▽) *(See ENGL C1001)*, C1001 *(formerly ENGL 2)*	HIST 47▽ *(satisfies area if completed Fall 2012 or later)*

GROUP 1C - ORAL COMMUNICATION: (3 semester/4 quarter units) 1 course

- COM ST (11) *(see COMM C1000)*, 21
- COMM C1000 *(formerly COM ST 11)*

AREA 2 - MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING: (3 semester/4 quarter units) 1 course

- MATH 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 21, 26, 28, 29, (54) *(see STAT C1000)*, 55
- STAT C1000 *(formerly MATH 54)*

AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES: (6 semester/8 quarter units) 2 courses with one course from Group A (Arts) and one course from Group B (Humanities)

GROUP A – ARTS: 1 course

- AHIS **1**GC, **2**GC, 3, **5**GC, **6**GC, **11**GC, 15, **17**GC, **18**GC∇, **21**GC, **22**GC, 52 *(same as PHOTO 52)*, **71**GC, **72**GC
- ANIM 5
- DANCE **2**GC, **5**GC, 6
- ENGL 55∇ *(formerly same as TH ART 7)*
- FILM 1, 2, 6∇, 8
- MUSIC 1<, **29**GC, 30, 31, 32, **33**GC, **36**GC, **37**GC, 39
- PHOTO 52 *(same as AHIS 52)*
- TH ART 2, 5

GROUP B – HUMANITIES: 1 course

- AHIS **18**GC∇
- ASL **2**GC
- CHNESE **2**GC, **3**GC, **9**GC
- COM ST 12∇
- ECON 15∇ *(same as HIST 15)*
- ENGL (2∇) *(satisfies area if completed Fall 2015- Summer 2027)*, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, **9**GC, **10**GC, 14, 15, 17, 18, 26∇ *(same as HUM 26)* ,34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, **49**GC, 50, 51 *(same as REL ST 51)*, 52 *(same as REL ST 52)*, 53, 54, 55∇ *(formerly same as TH ART 7)*, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, **62**GC, 63, 64, C1001 *(satisfies area if completed Fall 2015- Summer 2027)*
- ENVRN **20**GC *(same as PHILOS 20)*,
- FILM 5, 6∇, **7**GC, 11 *(formerly same as ENGL 11)*
- FRENCH **2**GC, **3**GC, **4**GC, **9**GC, **20**GC
- GERMAN **2**GC, **3**GC, **4**GC
- HEBREW **2**GC, **3**GC, **4**GC
- HIST 1∇, 2∇, 3∇, 4∇, 5∇, **6**GC∇, **10**GC∇, 11∇, 12∇, 13∇, 15∇ *(same as ECON 15)*, 16∇, 19∇, 20∇, 21∇, 22∇, 24∇, **25**GC∇ *(satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later)*, 26∇, 28∇, 29∇, 33∇, **34**GC∇ *(satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later)*, (37), 38, **39**GC *(satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later)*, 41∇, 43∇, (45), (46), 52∇, 53, 55∇, 62∇
- HUM 9A, 26 *(same as ENGL 26)*
- ITAL **2**GC, **3**GC, **4**GC
- JAPAN **2**GC, **3**GC, **4**GC, **9**GC
- KOREAN **2**GC, **3**GC *(if taken prior to Fall 2026)*, **4**GC, **9**GC
- LING **1**GC *(satisfies area if completed Fall 2014 or later)*
- PERSIN **2**GC
- PHILOS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, **20**GC *(same as ENVRN 20)*, 22, 23, 24, 48∇ *(formerly same as HIST 48)*, 51∇ *(same as POL SC 51)*, 52∇ *(same as POL SC 52)*
- POL SC 51∇ *(same as PHILOS 51)*, 52∇ *(same as PHILOS 52)*
- REL ST 51 *(same as ENGL 51)*, 52 *(same as ENGL 52)*
- RUSS **2**GC
- SPAN **2**GC, **3**GC, **4**GC, **9**GC, **12**GC, **20**GC∇

AREA 4 - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES: (6 semester units/8 quarter units) 2 courses selected from 2 Groups:

GROUP 1

- AD JUS 1

GROUP 2

- ANTHRO **2**[GC], 3[<], 4[<], 7, **14**[GC], **19**[GC], 20, **21**[GC], 22

GROUP 3

- ASTRON **6**[GC]

GROUP 4

- COM ST 9, **20**[GC], 30, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38

GROUP 5

- ECE **11**[GC] *(satisfies area if completed Fall 2010 or later)*

GROUP 6

- ECON 1, 2, **4**[GC] *(same as ENVRN 4)*, **5**[GC] *(same as GLOBAL 5 and POL SC 5)*, 6, **8**[GC] *(same as WGS 8)*, 15[▽] *(same as HIST 15)*
- ENVRN **4**[GC] *(same as ECON 4)*
- GLOBAL **5**[GC] *(same as ECON 5 and POL SC 5)*
- HIST 15[▽] *(same as ECON 15)*
- POL SC **5**[GC] *(same as ECON 5 and GLOBAL 5)*
- WGS **8**[GC] *(same as ECON 8)*

GROUP 7

- ETH ST 1[▽] *(satisfies area if completed Fall 2023 or later)*, 6, 7, 8, (10), 38

GROUP 8

- GEOG 2, **7**[GC] *(same as ENVRN 7)*, 8 *(same as URBAN 8)*, **11**[GC] *(same as GLOBAL 11)*, **14**[GC]
- ENVRN **7**[GC] *(same as GEOG 7)*
- GLOBAL **11**[GC] *(same as GEOG 11)*
- URBAN 8 *(same as GEOG 8)*

GROUP 9

- GLOBAL **10**[GC]

GROUP 10

- HIST **10**[GC▽] *(satisfies area if completed Fall 2013 or later)*, 11[▽] *(satisfies area if completed Fall 2013 or later)*, 12[▽] *(satisfies area if completed Fall 2013 or later)*, **14**[GC] *(same as ENVRN 14)*, 27, **32**[GC] *(same as ENVRN 32)*, 42, 47[▽], 51, 55[▽]
- ENVRN **14**[GC] *(same as HIST 14)*, **32**[GC] *(same as HIST 32)*

GROUP 1

- MEDIA 1, **3**[GC] *(same as GLOBAL 3)*, 4, **10**[GC]
- GLOBAL **3**[GC] *(same as MEDIA 3)*

GROUP 12

- NUTR **7**[GC]

GROUP 13

- PHILOS 48[▽]

GROUP 14

- POL SC (1) *(see POLS C1000)*, 2, 3, 7, 8, 14, **21**[GC], **22**[GC] *(same as ENVRN 22)*, 24, 31, 47, 51[▽] *(same as PHILOS 51)*, 52[▽] *(same as PHILOS 52)*
- ENVRON **22**[GC] *(same as POL SC 22)*
- PHILOS 51[▽] *(same as POL SC 51)*, 52[▽] *(same as POL SC 52)*
- POLS C1000 *(formerly POL SC 1)*

GROUP 15

- PSYCH (1) *(see PSYC C1000)*, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 19, 25, **40**[GC] *(satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2011 or later) (same as ENVRN 40)*
- PSYC C1000 *(formerly PSYCH 1)*
- ENVRN **40**[GC] *(satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2011 or later) (same as PSYCH 40)*

GROUP 16

- SOCIOL 1, **1s**[GC], 2, **2s**[GC], 4, 12, 30, 31, 32, 33, **34**[GC]

GROUP 17

- SPAN **20**[GC▽]

GROUP 18

- URBAN 8

GROUP 19

- WGS **10**[GC] *(formerly WOM ST 10)*, **20**[GC] *(formerly WOM ST 20)*, **30**[GC] *(formerly WOM ST 30)*, **40**[GC]
- POL SC 23

AREA 5 - PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES: (7 semester/9 quarter units) 2 courses required
1 course is required from 5A; 1 course is required from 5B. One of the courses from 5A or 5B must include a lab (courses with a laboratory component are designated in 5C and are underlined in lists 5A and 5B):

GROUP 5A - PHYSICAL SCIENCE: 1 course required

- ASTRON 1<, 2<, 3<, 4<, 5, 7 *(satisfies area if completed Fall 2014 or later)*, 8, 9, 10 *(same as GEOL 10)*
- CHEM **9**GC< *(satisfies GC requirement if completed Spring 2013 or later)*, 10<, 11, 12, 19, 21, 22<, 31 *(**Note**: CHEM 9 is a terminal GE course, CHEM 19 is intended for CSU nursing majors and CHEM 10 is for STEM majors)*
- GEOG 1<, 3, 5<, 12 *(same as GEOL 12)*
- GEOL 1<, 3, 4<, 5, 6, 9, 10, *(same as ASTRON 10)* 12 *(same as GEOG 12)*, 31, 32
- PHYSCS 6<, 7<, 8<, 9<, 12<, 14<, 21<, 22<, 23<

GROUP 5B - BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE: 1 course required

- ANATMY 1, 2
- ANTHRO 1<, 5<, 9, 11
- BIOL 2, 3, **9**GC, **10**GC, **15**GC<, 15N<, 21, 22, 23
- BOTANY 1
- MCRBIO 1
- PHYS 3
- PSYCH 2
- ZOOL 5

GROUP 5 - SCIENCE COURSES WITH LABORATORY COMPONENT: 1 course required, but may also be satisfied by underlined courses in Group 5A or 5B)

- ANATMY 1, 2
- ANTHRO 5
- ASTRON 3, 4
- BIOL 3, **10**GC, **15**GC, 21, 22, 23
- BOTANY 1
- CHEM **9**GC, 10, 11, 12, 19, 21, 31 *(**Note**: CHEM 9 is a terminal GE course, CHEM 19 is intended for CSU nursing majors and CHEM 10 is for STEM majors)*
- GEOG 5, 12 *(same as GEOL 12)*
- GEOL 4, 5, 6, 12 *(same as GEOG 12)*, 32
- MCRBIO 1
- PHYS 3
- PHYSCS 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 21, 22, 23
- ZOOL 5

AREA 6 - ETHNIC STUDIES: (3 semester/4 quarter units) 1 course

ETH ST 1, 7

KEY TO SYMBOLS USED	
("same as …" or "formerly same as …")	Courses which are (or were previously) offered in more than one discipline (cross listed). Students may receive credit for only one of the cross listed courses. See course descriptions for details.
∇	Course is listed in more than one GE area, but cannot be used to satisfy requirements in more than one area.
<	Transfer credit may be limited by UC, CSU, or both.
( )	Course in parenthesis is no longer offered.
GC	Course satisfies SMC's Global Citizenship Degree Requirement.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU): U.S. HISTORY, CONSTITUTION, AND AMERICAN IDEAS (AI) REQUIREMENT

The CSU U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals (AI) graduation requirement is not part of Cal-GETC. A course used to satisfy this requirement may also be listed and applied to Cal-GETC Subject Areas. CCCs may certify completion of the CSU graduation requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals. CSU campuses have the discretion on whether to allow courses not certified by CCC to satisfy the CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals graduation requirement to also count for GE.

US GROUP 1:

- ECON 15 *(same as HIST 15)*
- ENVRN 14GC *(same as HIST 14)*
- HIST 10GC, 11, 12, 14GC *(same as ENVRN 14)*, 15 *(same as ECON 15)*, 41

US GROUP 2 AND 3:

- POL SC (1) *(see POLS C1000)*
- POLS C1000 *(formerly POL SC 1)*

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA: LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (Optional certification)

The UC Language other than English (LOTE) graduation requirement is not part of Cal-GETC and it is not an admission requirement. Each UC campus and each major at the UC campus vary in what will fulfill this graduation requirement. The following website link will allow you to access each UC's website in order to search for the LOTE graduation requirement: https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/

SMC students can elect to complete the optional LOTE certification at SMC.

This requirement may be fulfilled by the following methods:

- Completion of an SMC language course (other than English) selected from courses approved on Assist.org
- Completion of the second semester, second level (i.e., 4th semester) or higher of high school foreign language with a C- or better (high school transcripts must be on file at Santa Monica College)
- Satisfactory completion of a course (or courses) at a college or university with a grade of C or higher. Level should be level 1 or higher. A level one course can only be used if it's 4 semester or 6 quarter units or higher
- Completion of formal schooling through the sixth grade level or higher, in an institution where the language of instruction is not English. Appropriate documentation must be presented to substantiate the language of instruction. If an official sealed transcript cannot be obtained from an international institution, an unofficial or opened transcript may be used, as appropriate
- Satisfactory score of the SAT Subject Test in a Language Other Than English. If exam was taken before May 1995, use first score listed; if taken after May 1995, use second score listed:
  - Chinese with listening: 500/520
  - French/French with listening: 500/540
  - German/German with listening: 500/510
  - Hebrew (Modern): 500/470
  - Italian: 500/520
  - Japanese with listening: 500/510
  - Korean/Korean with listening: /500
  - Latin: 500/530
  - Spanish/Spanish with listening: 500/520
- Satisfactory score of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations in Languages Other Than English
- Satisfactory score of 5 or higher on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level Examinations in Language Other Than English
- Satisfactory completion of an achievement test administered by a community college, university, or other college in a Language Other Than English
- Language Other Than English "O" Level Exam with a grade of A, B, or C
- Language Other Than English International "A" Level Exam with a score of 5, 6, or 7. 10
- A Defense Language Institute Language Other Than English course that is indicated as passed with a C or higher on the official transcript.

Please note: Students who complete any part of their education between 9th and 12th grade at an institution where the language of instruction is other than English will **not** receive UC unit credit for and AP exam or courses taken at Santa Monica College in the same language.

APPLYING NON-SMC COURSEWORK TO CAL-GETC

A summary of requirements for Cal-GETC certification of non-SMC courses:

1. The institution is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or an equivalent accrediting body.
2. A course taken at a California Community College is applied to the subject area in which it is listed by the institution where the work was completed (check ASSIST.org for college Cal-GETC lists).
3. Coursework from other U.S. regionally accredited institutions may be used on Cal-GETC. Coursework may be evaluated by a counselor.
4. The grade received in course is C (2.0) or higher. A grade of C- (C minus) is not acceptable. A "Credit" or "Pass" that is defined by institutional policy as being equivalent to a grade of C (2.0) or higher may be applied to Cal-GETC requirements.
5. Foreign coursework from non-United States regionally accredited institutions cannot be used for Cal-GETC.
6. Each course is a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units.
7. All courses that meet Cal-GETC requirements are completed by the end of the semester that the student is petitioning for certification.

TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

The minimum requirements for UC transfer junior-level admission can be found at *admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer*.

These include:

- Complete the following 7-course pattern by the end of the spring term prior to fall enrollment at UC:
  - Two transferable courses in English composition;
  - One transferable course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning;
  - Four transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:
    - arts and humanities
    - social and behavioral sciences
    - physical and biological sciences
- Complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) units of UC-transferable credit. No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units - excluding units completed in winter, spring and summer 2020 - of the 60 semester (90 quarter) units may be taken Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit basis. **Courses designated "UC" in the course description will transfer as baccalaureate credit for at least elective credit to the University of California.** Students should refer to *assist.org* for further information.
- Earn at least a 2.4 GPA in UC-transferable courses (2.8 if student is a nonresident) and be in good standing at the last college or university attended. NOTE: Some majors require a higher GPA for admission selection and a higher grade point average is required to be a **more academically attractive** transfer applicant to most UC campuses.

All branches of the University of California allow up to 70 transferable semester units from a community college. Students who have already completed 70 or more transferable semester units at a community college may still complete courses for subject credit (e.g., to finish Cal-GETC or major requirements) at a community college, but will not be able to transfer more than 70 semester units of credit to the University of California. Please note: all UC-transferable units will be included in the GPA calculation and analyzed for subject credit.

Students are advised to visit SMC's General Counseling & Transfer Services for a realistic estimate of the current grade point average actually required for admission to various major programs at various UC campuses, and to verify the most appropriate lower-division general education pattern for their goal.