California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)

2026-2027

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

The Cal-GETC is the general education pathway for California Community College students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements necessary for transfer and admission to both the California State University and the University of California.
This document does not replace the Student Education Plan (SEP) and is subject to change each year.
Consult with a counselor to determine if the Cal-GETC is appropriate for your educational goals.

C = Complete **IP** = In Progress **N** = Needed

Some rules for using Cal-GETC:

1. A minimum of 34 units is required for Cal-GETC completion.
2. Each course must be Cal-GETC approved at the time it was taken.
3. All courses must be passed with a "C" or higher. A "P" (Pass) is acceptable, but UC & CSU permit no more than 14 transferable semester units to be completed on a "pass" basis (pass/fail or credit/no credit).
4. Some community college courses have limitations on the amount of credit awarded by the receiving university. See assist.org and a counselor for details.

AREA 1 ENGLISH COMMUNICATION (choose 3 courses) A minimum of 9 semester units. Three courses are required: One each from 1A, 1B, and 1C		C	IP	N
1A: English Composition (choose 1 course)	**ENGL** C1000, 115H; **ESL** 115A	☐	☐	☐
1B: Critical Thinking & Composition (choose 1 course) *Note: The Advanced Placement Test cannot clear this area.*	**ENGL** C1001; **PHIL** 103	☐	☐	☐
1C: Oral Communication (choose 1 course)	**COMM** C1000	☐	☐	☐

AREA 2 MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (choose 1 course) A minimum of 3 semester units. Choose one course from the following:	C	IP	N
BIOL 215; **CHEM/ENGR/PHYS** 104; **ENGR/CHEM/PHYS** 104; **MATH** C2210, C2220, 100, 101,118, 120, 121, 122, 244, 252, 253, 254, 260, 265; **PHYS/CHEM/ENGR** 104; **PSYC/SOC** 270, 280; **SOC/PSYC** 270, 280; **STAT** C1000	☐	☐	☐

AREA 3 ARTS AND HUMANITIES (choose 2 courses) A minimum of 6 semester units must be distributed as follows: One course from 3A Arts; One course from 3B Humanities.	C	IP	N
3A: ARTS (choose 1 course) **ART** 104, 112, 113, 129, 149, 156, 157; **ART** 130/**FTMA** 161; **ARTH** C1100, C1200; **COMM** 185/**FTMA** 160; **DANC** 200; **FTMA** 161/**ART** 130; **FTMA** 160/**COMM** 185; **HUM** 123; **MUS** 105,106, 107, 195, 202; **TA** 101, 102	☐	☐	☐
3B: HUMANTIES (choose 1 course) **ARCH** 208, 210; **ASIA** 117; **ASL** 225*; **CHIN** 102; **ENGL** C1002, 225, 230, 231, 240, 241, 250, 251, 255, 256, 260, 265, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 280, 281; **FIL**102, 201; **FREN** 201, 202; **FTMA** 162/**HUM** 112; **HIST** 104*, 105*, 106*, 107*, 160*; **HUM** 101, 102, 104, 121, 140; **HUM** 112/**FTMA** 162; **ITAL** 201, 202; **JPN** 202; **MAS** 150*; **PHIL** 101, 106, 107, 120; **PORT** 102; **SPAN** 102, 201, 202, 215, 216, 221, 225, 226	☐	☐	☐

AREA 4 SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (choose 2 courses) A minimum of 6 semester units must be distributed as follows: Two courses from two different academic disciplines.	C	IP	N
AFRO/HIST 110, 111*; **AFRO** 151; **AJ** 111, 252; **ANTH** 102, 103, 112, 115; **ASIA/HIST** 112, 113*, 114, **ASIA** 115, 118; **ASL** 225*; **CD** 170; **COMM** 174, 176; **COMM** 200/**JOUR** 101; **ECON** C2001, C2002, 100; **FTMA** 164; **GEOG** 106, 120; **HIST** C1001, C1002, 104*, 105*, 106*, 107*, 121, 122, 132, 160*;	☐	☐	☐
HIST/AFRO 110, 111*; **HIST/ASIA** 112, 113*, 114; **HIST/MAS** 141, 142*; **HIST/NAIS** 152, 153; **HLTH** 121, 122, 212; **HUM** 120, 122; **JOUR** 101/**COMM** 200; **MAS** 100*, 110*, 150*; 170*, 180; **MAS/HIST** 141, 142*; **NAIS** 154+, **NAIS/HIST** 152, 153; **POLS** C1000, **PS** 101, 103, 104, 120+; **PSYC** C1000, 106, 109, 211, 230,250, 260; **PSYC/SOC** 116; **SOC** 101, 106, 107, 110, 135, 140, 255; **SOC/PSYC** 116	☐	☐	☐

Legend:

/ Same as Course(s);
* Course(s) listed in more than one GE area;
+ New course(s) to General Education area;
_ Course(s) with science lab;
♦ JPN101A & SPAN101A are prerequisites & not eligible

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AREA 5 PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (choose 3 courses) Two courses and a minimum of 7 semester units are required. One course from 5A Physical Science. One course from 5B Biological Science. One course must include a 5C Laboratory Science. The laboratory course must correspond to a lecture course in 5A or 5B (i.e., GEOG 100 and 101 or BIOL 100 and 101). The underlined courses include lectures and a laboratory.	C	IP	N
5A: Physical Science (choose 1 course) **ASTR** 100, 120, 150, 170, 180, 201, 205; **BIOL** 143; **CHEM** 100, 102, 110, 160, 170, 200, 210, 240, 242**,** 250; **GEOG** 100,130, 160; **GEOG/GEOL/PHS** 110; **GEOL** 100, 104,115; **GEOL/GEOG/PHS** 110; **PHS** 101, **PHS/GEOG/GEOL** 110; **PHYS** 125+, 150, 152, 270, 272, 274	☐	☐	☐
5B: Biological Science (choose 1 course) **ANTH** 101; **BIOL** 100,111, 130, 140, 145, 150, 160, 180, 185, 190, 210, 211, 212, 260, 261, 265; **BIOL/CHEM** 151; **CHEM/BIOL** 151	☐	☐	☐
5C: Laboratory Science: **ANTH** 101L**; ASTR** 109; **BIOL** 101, 131, 150, 161, 190, 210**,** 211**,** 212**,** 260**,** 261**,** 265; **BIOL/CHEM** 151L; **CHEM** 100**,** 102, 110**,** 170**,** 200**,** 210**,** 240**,** 242**,** 244, 250; **CHEM/BIOL** 151L**; GEOG** 101; **GEOL** 101, 115L; **PHS** 101L, 111; **PHYS** 151, 153, 271, 273, 275	☐	☐	☐
AREA 6 ETHNIC STUDIES (choose one course) A minimum of 3 semester units. Choose one course from the following:	C	IP	N
AFRO/HIST 111*; **ASIA/HIST** 113*; **MAS** 100*, 110*, 170*; **MAS/HIST** 142*	☐	☐	☐
OPTIONAL – American Institutions, CSU Graduation Requirement (2 Courses) This area is not part of Cal-GETC Certification. Students who plan to transfer to the CSU are encouraged to complete the requirements prior to transfer. This requirement can be satisfied by completing any combination of two classes that, when combined, fulfill US-1, US-2 and US-3. Note: U. S. History, Constitution and American Ideals courses may be used to partially satisfy the Area 4 requirement.	C	IP	N
US-1: American History: **AFRO/HIST** 110, 111; **HIST** C1001, C1002; **HIST/MAS** 141, 142; **PS** 101	☐	☐	☐
US-2: The U.S. Constitution: **AFRO/HIST** 110; **HIST C**1001**,** 121, 122, **HIST/MAS** 141; **POLS** C1000; **PS** 101 **US-3: California State & Local Government:** **ASIA/HIST** 113; **HIST C**1002, 122; **HIST/MAS** 142; **POLS** C1000	☐	☐	☐
OPTIONAL – Languages other than English (LOTE), UC Requirement This area is not part of Cal-GETC Certification. Students who plan to transfer to UC are encouraged to complete the requirements prior to transfer. Proficiency equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language with a minimum grade of "C" or better.	C	IP	N
☐ 1. Completion of two years of high school study in the same language with a grade of "C-" or better. ☐ 2. Formal schooling through the sixth-grade level or higher. Appropriate documentation must be presented to substantiate the language of instruction. If an official sealed transcript cannot be obtained, an unofficial transcript may be used. ☐ 3. Score, 500 or higher, in the SAT Subject Tests in languages other than English. ☐ 4. Score, 3 or higher, in the College Board Advanced Placement Examinations in languages other than English. ☐ 5. Score, 5 or higher, in the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examinations in a language other than English. ☐ 6. Achievement test or faculty verification via LOTE Certification. ☐ 7. Completion of one of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better. **ASL** 101, 102, 201, 202+; **CHIN** 101, 102; **FIL** 101, 102, 201; **FREN** 101, 102, 201, 202; **ITAL** 101, 102, 201, 202; **JPN** 101 or 101A♦ and 101B, 102, 201, 202**; PORT** 101, 102; **SPAN** 101 or 101A♦ and 101B, 101H, 102, 201, 202, 215, 216, 221	☐	☐	☐

University of California (UC) campuses are as follows: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz.

California State University (CSU) campus are as follows: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Chico, Domingues Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Cal Poly Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime Academy, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Cal Poly Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, SDSU, San Francisco, San Jose, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, Sonoma and Stanislaus

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