

CSU General Education Requirements 2024-2025

This pattern is for students who began at a CSU or California Community College Fall 2021 or later and have maintained continuous enrollment as defined by the CSU System. See a counselor for details.

TO TRANSFER

A student must:

- Complete 60 semester/90 quarter CSU-transferable units including a minimum of 30 semester/45 quarter units in general education courses with a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Complete Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4 with a grade of C- or higher in each course
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended, and have completed or made up any missing college preparatory subject requirements.

Prior to transfer, it is strongly recommended that students complete the CSU GE pattern in full including the American Institution graduation requirement. Certain programs have more applicants than there are spaces available. These “impacted programs” have additional screening requirements. Please see a counselor for details.

CSU CERTIFICATION

"Certification" means that Santa Monica College has verified that a student has completed the lower-division general education requirements for the California State University system.

Certification from a community college is important, because without it, students will be held to the general education requirements specific to the CSU campus to which they are transferring. This typically involves additional lower-division coursework. Once a student is "certified", however, the CSU campus of choice will identify the student as having completed the lower-division requirements that are spelled out in the articulated agreements between the CSU and Santa Monica College. *(Students should note that 9 units of upper-division general education courses must be completed after transfer).*

Coursework from other United States regionally accredited institutions may be used on CSU GE. Coursework must be evaluated by a Santa Monica College counselor and determined to be applicable to CSU GE. Courses with a grade of D- or higher can be applied to the CSU GE, **except** courses used to satisfy areas A1, A2, A3 and B4. Courses for A1, A2, A3 and B4 must have a C- or higher. A “Credit” or “Pass” that is defined by institutional policy as being equivalent to a grade of D- or higher may be applied to meet CSU GE requirements, except in Area A1, A2, A3 and B4.

It is the student's responsibility to request certification. Petitions for certification may be filed in the Admissions Office from January 1 through July 31 for the Spring semester, and October 1 through December 1 for students planning to complete requirements during the Fall semester.

Certification petitions are available on those dates in the Admissions Office and online (go to www.smc.edu/admissions/forms.htm). Request for certification will be processed ONLY during those periods.

APPLICATIONS

Applications to the CSU are available online at www.csumentor.edu. Applications to impacted programs must be filed during the priority-filing period, which is the first month applications are accepted for a given term. Many campuses are approaching capacity in a number of academic disciplines and are likely to close to applications after the first month of the filing period. Campuses, which are less impacted, may accept applications up to one month prior to the opening day of the term, though individual programs may close earlier. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FILED AS EARLY IN THE FILING PERIOD AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION!

PRIORITY APPLICATION FILING PERIODS

Students are encouraged to attend an application workshop. The application priority filing periods are:

Quarter System Campuses:

Summer Quarter: February 1 - 28
 Fall Quarter: October 1 - November 30
 Winter Quarter: June 1 - 30
 Spring Quarter: August 1 - 31

Semester System Campuses:

Fall Semester: October 1 - November 30
 Spring Semester: August 1 - 31

CSU General Education Transfer Curriculum Requirements

Students may follow the pattern of study outlined below or, the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) to meet lower-division general education requirements for the CSU system.

- SMC does not accept foreign coursework from non-U.S. regionally accredited institutions to meet CSU GE requirements.
- **Important: Courses in Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4 must be completed with a grade of C- or higher in each course**
- For information regarding “**CSU Certification**”, see the Transfer section of the catalog.

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 articulation agreements with the California State University and the University of California can be found on the Articulation System Stimulating Inter-institutional Transfer website ASSIST.ORG

AREA A: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CRITICAL THINKING: (9 semester or 12 quarter units)

1 course from each group completed

AREA A1: 1 Course; must be completed with a C- (C minus) or higher (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

- COM ST 11, 12[∇], 16, 21[∇]

AREA A2: 1 Course; must be completed with a C- (C minus) or higher (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

- ENGL 1 *or* 1D

AREA A3: 1 Course; must be completed with a C- (C minus) or higher (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUS 32 • COM ST 21[∇] • ENGL 2[∇], 31[∇] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIST 47[∇] • PHILOS 7, 9 (<i>satisfies area if completed Fall 2011 or later</i>) |
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AREA B: SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING: (9 semester units or 12 quarter units)

1 course is required from B1; 1 course is required from B2; 1 course is required from B4. The course in B4 must be completed with a C- (C minus) or higher. One of the courses from B1 or B2 must include a lab (courses with a laboratory component are designated in B3 and are bold in lists B1 and B2)

AREA B1: PHYSICAL SCIENCE COURSES: (1 course required)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASTRON 1^{<}, 2^{<}, 3^{<}, 4^{<}, 5, 7, 8, 10 (<i>same as GEOL 10</i>) • CHEM 9^{GC<} (<i>satisfied GC requirement if completed Spring 2013 or later</i>), 10^{<}, 11, 12, 19, 21, 22^{<}, 31 (<i>Note: CHEM 9 is a terminal GE course, CHEM 19 is intended for CSU nursing majors and CHEM 10 is for STEM majors</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOG 1^{<}, 3, 5^{<}, 6, 12 (<i>same as GEOL 12</i>), 32 • GEOL 1^{<}, 3, 4^{<}, 5, 9, 10 (<i>same as ASTRON 10</i>), 12 (<i>same as GEOG 12</i>), 31, 32 • PHYSCS 6^{<}, 7^{<}, 8^{<}, 9^{<}, 12^{<}, 14^{<}, 21^{<}, 22^{<}, 23, 24 |
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AREA B2: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE COURSES: (1 course required)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANATMY 1, 2 • ANTHRO 1^{<}, 5^{<}, 9, 11 • BIOL 2[∇], 3, 9^{GC∇}, 10^{GC}, 15^{GC<}, 15N^{<}, 21, 22, 23 • BOTANY 1, 3 • MCRBIO 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUTR 1[∇] (<i>satisfies area if completed Fall 2011 or later</i>) • PHYS 3 • PSYCH 2 • ZOOL 5 |
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AREA B3: SCIENCE COURSES WITH LABORATORY COMPONENT: (1 course required, but may also be satisfied by underlined courses in Group B1 or B2)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANATMY 1, 2 • ANTHRO 5 • ASTRON 3, 4 • BIOL 3, 10^{GC}, 15^{GC}, 21, 22, 23 • BOTANY 1, 3 • CHEM 9^{GC}, 10, 11, 12, 19, 21, 24, 31 (<i>Note: CHEM 9 is a terminal GE course, CHEM 19 is intended for CSU nursing majors and CHEM 10 is for STEM majors</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEOG 5, 6, 12 (<i>same as GEOL 12</i>), 32 • GEOL 4, 5, 12 (<i>same as GEOG 12</i>), 32 • MCRBIO 1 • PHYS 3 • PHYSCS 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24 • ZOOL 5 |
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AREA B4: MATHEMATICS/QUANTITATIVE REASONING: 1 course (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACCTG 45 (<i>same as BUS 45</i>) (<i>fulfills area if completed Fall 2018 or later</i>) • BUS 45 (<i>same as ACCTG 45</i>) (<i>fulfills area if completed Fall 2018 or later</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATH 2^{<}, 3, 4, 7^{<}, 8^{<}, 10, 11, 13, 15, 21, 26^{<}, 28^{<}, 29^{<}, 41, 54 |
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AREA C: ARTS AND HUMANITIES: 3 courses (9 semester/12 quarter units), with at least one course from C1 (Arts) and one course from C2 (Humanities):

AREA C1: ARTS (at least one course)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHIS 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 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 (formerly ET 61) • ART 10A, 10B, 13, 20A, 20B, 40A, 40B • DANCE 2^{GC}, 5^{GC}, 6 • ENGL 26[∇] (same as HUM 26), 55[∇] (formerly same as TH ART 7) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FILM 1, 2, 6[∇], 8 • HUM 26[∇] (same as ENGL 26) • MUSIC 1^{<}, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33^{GC}, 36^{GC}, 37^{GC}, 39, 60A, 60B • PHOTO 52 (same as AHIS 52) • TH ART 2, 5, 41 |
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AREA C2: HUMANITIES: (at least one course)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHIS 18^{GC} • ARABIC 1^{GC} • ASL 1^{GC}, 2^{GC} • CHNESE 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 9^{GC} • COM ST 12[∇], 14^{GC} • ECON 15[∇] (same as HIST 15) • ENGL 2[∇], 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9^{GC}, 10^{GC}, 14, 15, 17, 18, 26[∇] (same as HUM 26), 32[∇] (formerly same as HIST 30), 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, 63, 64 • ENVRN 20^{GC} (same as PHILOS 20) • FILM 5, 6[∇], 7^{GC}, 11 (formerly same as ENGL 11) • FRENCH 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8, 9^{GC} • GERMAN 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8 • HEBREW 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8 • 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[∇], 29[∇], 33[∇], 34^{GC} (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), 41[∇], 43[∇], 52[∇], 53, 55[∇], 62[∇] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUM 9A, 26[∇] (same as ENGL 26) • ITAL 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8 • JAPAN 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8, 9^{GC} • KOREAN 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 9^{GC} • LING 1^{GC} (satisfies area if completed Fall 2014 or later) • PERSIN 1^{GC}, 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) • PORTGS 1^{GC}, 2^{GC} • REL ST 51 (same as ENGL 51), 52 (same as ENGL 52) • RUSS 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 8 • SPAN 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 8, 9^{GC}, 11^{GC}, 12^{GC}, 20^{GC} • TURKSH 1^{GC} |
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AREA D: SOCIAL SCIENCES: 2 courses (6 semester/9 quarter units)

- AD JUS 1
- ANTHRO 2^{GC}, 3[<], 4[<], 7, 14^{GC}, 19^{GC}, 20, 21^{GC}, 22
- ASTRON 6^{GC}
- COM ST 9, 20^{GC}, 30, 31, 35, 36^{GC}, 37^{GC}, 38 (same as ETH ST 38)
- ECE 11^{GC} (satisfies area if completed Fall 2010 or later)
- 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)
- ENGL 32
- ENVRN 4^{GC} (same as ECON 4), 7^{GC} (same as GEOG 7), 14^{GC} (same as HIST 14), 22^{GC} (same as POL SC 22), 32^{GC} (same as HIST 32), 40^{GC} (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2011 or later) (same as PSYCH 40)
- ETH ST 6, 7, 8, 10 (same as MEDIA 10), 38 (same as COM ST 38)
- GEOG 2, 7^{GC} (same as ENVRN 7), 8 (same as URBAN 8), 11^{GC} (same as GLOBAL 11), 14^{GC}
- GLOBAL 3^{GC} (same as MEDIA 3), 5^{GC} (same as ECON 5 and POL SC 5), 10^{GC}, 11^{GC} (same as GEOG 11)
- HIST 1[∇], 2[∇], 3[∇], 4[∇], 5[∇], 6^{GC∇}, 10^{GC∇}, 11[∇], 12[∇], 13[∇], 14^{GC} (same as ENVRN 14), 15[∇] (same as ECON 15), 16[∇], 19[∇], 20[∇], 21[∇], 22[∇], 24[∇], 25^{GC∇} (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), 26[∇], 27, 28, 29[∇], 32^{GC} (same as ENVRN 32), 33[∇], 34^{GC∇} (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 later), 38, 39^{GC} (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), 41[∇], 42, 43[∇], 47[∇], 51, 52[∇], 55[∇], 62[∇]
- MEDIA 1 (formerly Communication 1), 3^{GC} (same as GLOBAL 3), 4, 10^{GC} (formerly Communication 10) (same as ETH ST 10)
- NUTR 7^{GC∇}
- PHILOS 48[∇] (formerly same as HIST 48), 51[∇] (same as POL SC 51), 52[∇] (same as POL SC 52)
- POL SC 1, 2, 3, 5^{GC} (same as ECON 5 and GLOBAL 5), 7, 8, 11, 14, 21^{GC}, 22^{GC} (same as ENVRN 22), 23, 24, 31, 47, 51[∇] (same as PHILOS 51), 52[∇] (same as PHILOS 52)
- PSYCH 1[∇], 3[∇], 6[∇], 7, 8, 11[∇], 13[∇], 14, 19[∇], 25[∇], 40^{GC} (same as ENVRN 40) (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2011 or later)
- SOCIOL 1, 1s^{GC}, 2, 2s^{GC}, 4, 12, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34^{GC}
- SPAN 9^{GC∇}, 20^{GC∇}
- URBAN 8 (same as GEOG 8)
- WGS 8^{GC} (same as ECON 8), 10^{GC} (formerly WOM ST 10), 20^{GC} (formerly WOM ST 20), 30^{GC} (formerly WOM ST 30), 40^{GC}

AREA E: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT: (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units)

- BIOL 2[∇], 9^{GC}
- BUS 47 (*same as COUNS 47*) (*satisfies area if completed fall 2014 or later*)
- COUNS 12, 20, 47 (*same as BUS 47*) (*satisfies area if completed Fall 2014 or later*)
- DANCE 29
- ENGL 31[∇]
- HEALTH 10, 21
- KIN PE 1A, 2, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 7C, 9A, 9B, 9C, 9W, 10A, 10C, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11N, 12, 13, 14A, 14B, 14C, 15A, 16A, 16B, 17, 18, 19A, 19B, 19C, 19D, 19E, 21, 21C, 25A, 25B, 25C, 25D, 34A, 34B, 34C, 34D, 35A, 35B, 41M, 41W, 43A, 43B, 43C, 43D, 45A, 45B, 45C, 45D, 46, 48A, 48B, 48C, 48D, 49A, 49C, 50A, 50B, 50C, 50D, 51A, 51B, 52A, 52B, 53A, 53B, 54A, 54B, 54C, 54D, 56A, 56B, 56C, 56D, 57A, 57B, 57C, 58A, 58B, 58C, 59A, 59B, 59C - ALL activity courses (*however there is a 2 unit maximum limit; see assist.org for a detailed list of courses that apply*)
- NUTR 1[∇], 4
- PSYCH 1[∇], 3[∇], 5, 6[∇], 11[∇], 13[∇], 19[∇], 25[∇], 33
- VAR PE 9V, 9W, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, 14V, 14W, 20V, 21V, 43V, 43W, 45W, 48W, 50V, 50W, 54W, 56V, 56W, 57V, 57W, 59W, 60

AREA F: ETHNIC STUDIES: (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units)

- ETH ST 1

Students may opt to take a course that fulfills this requirement at another California Community College. You can check CVC.edu for online courses that fulfill this area. To find a course, navigate to cvc.edu and after typing in the *Primary California College*, select *CSU Breadth Requirements* and then *CSU GE F – Ethnic Studies* from the dropdown menu. A demonstration video on using the CVC Exchange is also available [here](#)

CSU GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS IN US HISTORY, CONSTITUTION, AND AMERICAN IDEALS

NOTE: Not part of the CSU GE requirements, but may be completed prior to transfer. Courses used to meet this requirement may also be used to satisfy other requirements for CSU GE.

AMERICAN HISTORY AND INSTITUTIONS - 6 semester units; one course selected from each group (which may be credited toward satisfying requirements from Areas C and D.)

US GROUP 1:

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

US GROUP 2 & 3:

- POL SC 1

KEY TO SYMBOLS USED

(" <i>same as ...</i> " or " <i>formerly same as ...</i> ")	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.

EXAM AND TEST SCORES**Advanced Placement (AP) Tests and SMC GE Chart**

<https://www.smc.edu/student-support/academic-support/transfer-center/areas-of-study/documents/charts/ap-chart.pdf>

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams

https://www.smc.edu/student-support/academic-support/transfer-center/areas-of-study/documents/charts/ib_chart.pdf