# California State University General Education Certification

## A. ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING (9 semester or 12 quarter units)

One course required from each subarea:

1. **ORAL COMMUNICATION** (3 semester or 4 quarter units): COMM 101
2. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION** (3 semester or 4 quarter units): ENGLISH 101
3. **CRITICAL THINKING** (3 semester or 4 quarter units): COMM 104; ENGLISH 102§; PHILOS 006, 008; READING 101

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## B. SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (9 semester or 12 quarter units)

One course in subareas B1, B2, and B4, plus laboratory activity related to one of the completed science lecture courses.

**Note:** At least one science course must include a laboratory. Lecture courses with lab included are marked with a +.

1. **PHYSICAL SCIENCE:** ASTRON 001; CHEM 051+, 065+, 101+, 102+, 201+, 211+, 212+, 221+; EARTH 001; ENV SCI 001, 024 (not approved if taken SP17); GEOG 001, 003 (same as METEOR 003); GEOLOGY 001, 002, 006, 007, 008, 014, 031, 033, 037; PHYSICS 006+, 007+, 011+, 017+, 021+, 022+, 101+, 102+, 103+

2. **LIFE SCIENCE:** ANATOMY 001+; ANTHRO 101; BIOLOGY 003+, 006+, 007+, 009+, 020+, 022+, 025+, 046; MICRO 001+, 020+; OCEANO 001; PHYSIOL 001+; PSYCH 002

3. **LABORATORY ACTIVITY:** ANTHRO 111; ASTRON 005+; EARTH 002; ENV SCI 022; GEOG 015; GEOLOGY 006, 007+; OCEANO 010. (Check the catalog for approved lecture co-requisites before enrolling in any B3 Lab course. This requirement may also be satisfied by completion of any lecture with lab course listed in Area B1 or B2 above that is marked with a +.)

4. **MATHEMATICS /QUANTITATIVE REASONING:** BUS 015+; ECN 020+; ENG GEN 121, 221; MATH 215+, 227, 228, 230, 235, 236, 241, 241S, 245, 260S, 261, 262, 263, 270, 272+; 275, 280, 284, 286; PSYCH 091, 093;

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## C. ARTS AND HUMANITIES (9 semester or 12 quarter units)

At least one course must be taken from Arts (C1) and one course must be taken from Humanities (C2).

1. **ARTS:** ARC 130, 131; ART 103, 201, 301, 501, 708; ARTHIST 111, 116+, 118+, 121, 122, 123, 141, 412, 413, 651-654; PHOTO 121, 122+, 123+, SPANISH 009, 016; TECTHTR 367+; THEATER 100, 101+, 110+, 112+, 200, 232, 293, 505 [MUSIC 101 approved for C1 if taken prior to Fall 2010]. Note: COMM 106 is only 2 units. If you take this course you may need to take an additional course to meet the total Area C unit req.

2. **HUMANITIES:** A S 001+, 002+, 003§, 004+, 045+, ANTHRO 104; ARC 130, 131; ASIAN 003+, 011; CHICANO 027+, 031, 032+; CHICANO 027+, 031, 032+, 037, 042, 044, 046, 057, 062; CHINESE 001, 002, 003, 007+, 010+; ENGLISH 102, 127, 203-208, 211, 212, 215, 216, 218, 239, 240, 241, 245+, 250, 251; FRENCH 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 007+, 010, 021, 026+; HISTORY 001+, 002+, 006+, 007, 011+, 012+, 023, 032+, 062+, 086, 097+; HUMAN 001, 008, 0060; JAPAN 001, 002, 003, 004, 007+, 009, 010, 012, 016 (same as CHICANO 044), 026+, 027+, 035, 036+, 037

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## D. SOCIAL SCIENCES (9 semester or 12 quarter units)

Courses must be taken from at least two disciplinary perspectives.

ADM JUS 001+, 002+; AFRO AM 004, 005; ANTHRO 102, 103+, 104, 109, 121+, 132; ASIAN 001, 002+, 003, 011; A S L 40+; BIOLOGY 051+; CHICANO 020, 007, 008, 019, 020, 025+, 026a, 031+, 037+, 044 (same as Spanish 016), 047, 050+, 056, 071+, 060; CH DEV 001, 011+, 045+; COMM 100+, 121+, 122+, 151+, 190; ECON 001, 002, 011a+, 030a, 060; EDUC 203a; ENG GEN 121; ENV SCI 001, 002, 005, 006, 011, 012, 020+, 023, 032+, 078, 081, 082, 086, 087, 097; HUMAN 001; JAPAN 009; JOURNAL 105; LAW 003; POL SCI 001, 002, 005+, 007, 019+, 040a, 050a; PSYCH 001, 011, 013, 014, 032+, 041a, 052+, 077, 092; SOC 001, 002, 003, 004, 007+, 009, 011, 012, 013, 014, 021, 022, 023a, 086+; SPANISH 009, 016, 026+

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## E. LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT (3 semester or 4 quarter units)

*Note: One unit from DANCEST, DANCETQ, KIN, KIN ATH activity courses may be applied towards this area.*

CH DEV 015+, 011+; CHICANO 002, 003; COMM 106, 121a+; COUNSEL 040; DANCEST 452+, 814+, 815+, 816+, 822+, 823+; DANCETQ+; DNSESP 491+, 492+; ENV SCI 001, FAM & SCS 006e, 021, 031, 091+; HEALTH 002, 007+, 008, 011, 012, 015, 043; KIN+; KIN ATH+; KIN MAJ 109, 134; PHILOS 019; POL SCI 007; PSYCH 013, 041, 043, 052, 077; SOC 012, 021

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Course is approved for this area if taken this semester or later:

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Common Questions about CSU General Education Certification

1. What is the CSU General Education Certification plan?

The CSU GE plan is a pattern of course work that allows students to fulfill 39 units of general education requirements prior to transfer.

2. Is completion of the CSU General Education Certification plan an admissions requirement?

No. Completion of the CSU GE plan is not an admissions requirement. However, students are advised to complete the plan and their major preparation courses prior to transfer.

3. What are the CSU transfer admission requirements?

Community college students may be admitted to the CSU as either a lower division transfer or an upper division transfer student. Beginning fall 2005, students who complete a minimum of 60 transferable units at a community college may apply as upper division transfers.

4. Is it advisable for all CSU transfer students to follow the GE Certification plan?

No. Students pursuing majors that require extensive major preparation courses, such as Engineering, may find following the plan not to be advantageous.

5. What will happen if the entire CSU GE Certification plan is not completed prior to transfer?

If the entire CSU GE Certification plan is not completed prior to transfer, students may still be partially certified in those areas that have been completed. For the areas that are not complete, students will be subject to the lower division general education requirements at the campus to which they transfer. These requirements vary from campus to campus. See #10 for CSU GE for STEM requirements.

6. Is a minimum grade required in all courses used for CSU certification?

Yes. Students will need a grade of "C-" or higher in courses taken to fulfill the following “Golden Four” areas:
A1. Oral Communication
A2. Written Communication
A3. Critical Thinking
B4. Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

Courses with a grade of "D" are acceptable to fulfill other areas provided that the student has a cumulative transfer GPA of 2.0 or higher.

7. May students “double-count” courses towards major and general education requirements?

Yes. Students may “double count” courses towards major and general education requirements. However, the CSU campuses have limits on the number of courses that can be double counted. Please check with a counselor regarding this policy.

8. May “pass/no pass” courses be used towards CSU GE requirements?

Yes. Courses in which a student receives a “P” grade may be used towards CSU GE requirements. Some CSU campuses have limitations on the number of “pass/no pass” courses that may be used towards degree requirements. Please check with a counselor regarding this policy.

9. Must the entire CSU GE Certification plan be completed prior to transfer?

No. Students who do not fulfill the requirements for all areas may request “partial certification” of the GE plan. Only the completed areas will be certified. After transfer, students will be subject to the general education requirements in non-certified areas at the CSU campus they attend. Note: Any student applying for admission fall 1998 or later must complete Area A1, A2, A3, and Area B4 for admission. See #10 for CSU GE Breadth for STEM requirements.

10. What is CSU GE Breadth for STEM?

CSU GE Breadth for STEM is applicable only to ADT majors which specifies the pattern on the Transfer Model Curriculum. Students pursuing the ADT in Biology, for example, may complete CSU GE for STEM, deferring one course in Area C and one course in Area D until after transfer. Students must complete the following: All courses in Areas A, B, and E; and one course in Subarea C1 Arts and one course in Subarea C2 Humanities; and two courses in Area D from two different disciplines.

11. What does it mean to have your transcript certified?

When a student requests CSU certification, the community college verifies that the student has completed courses that satisfy all or a portion of the 39 units of CSU general education requirements. An official notice is placed on the student’s transcript.

12. When do I apply for CSU certification?

Students should apply for certification at the end of their last semester at ELAC before transferring. Students should apply for CSU certification when they order their final transcript. The Transcript Request form and the CSU Certification Request form are available at the Admissions Office. If courses from another college are being used towards certification, the pass along box should be checked on this form. All transcripts from other colleges must be on file at the Admissions Office. If you have taken Advanced Placement (AP), or CLEP tests you must also have a copy of your College Board transcript sent the Admissions Office. International Baccalaureate (IB) scores must be sent directly from the IB organization to the Admissions Office.

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