# 2023-2024 CSU General Education Pattern

## CSU GE CERTIFICATION

"Certification" means that Cuesta College has verified that a student has completed the lower-division general education (GE) requirements for the California State University system (CSU). In the CSU system, students will be required to complete 9 units of upper-division general education coursework after transfer.

Certification from a community college is important, because without it, students will be held to the specific CSU GE requirements at the CSU campus to which they are transferring. This typically involves additional lower-division coursework. Once a student is fully "certified" by Cuesta, a CSU campus will identify the student as having completed the necessary pattern of lower-division GE requirements, without further need to take additional lower division GE coursework that may be specific to an individual CSU. (Partial CSU GE Certification is also possible; see a counselor for details.)

Coursework from other United States regionally accredited institutions may be applied to Cuesta's CSU GE agreement. Coursework from outside of Cuesta College must first be evaluated by Cuesta to determine appropriate placement for CSU GE. **Courses for A1, A2, A3 and B4 must have a C- grade or higher**. Courses with a grade of D- or higher can be applied to the other CSU GE areas. (Consult a counselor for details.) A "Credit" or "Pass" that is defined by institutional policy as being equivalent to a grade of "C-" or higher may be applied to meet CSU GE requirements for all CSU GE areas, including Area A1, A2, A3, and B4. A "Credit" or "Pass" that is defined by institutional policy as being equivalent to a "D-" or higher may be applied to CSU GE requirements for Areas B1, B2, B3, C, D and E and F.

**Students who are enrolled as new college students (after high school graduation) beginning Fall 2021 will need to complete Area F "Ethnic Studies" if they wish to obtain full CSUGE Certification prior to transfer. With the addition of Area F, only two courses in Area D "Social Behavioral Sciences" will be required, instead of three. Please see a counselor for details.**

It is the student's responsibility to request certification of CSU GE, with the exception of those students who are earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T), in which case Certification is automatic because it is required as part of the degree.

Requests for certification are available from the Graduation Link in the student's MyCuesta Pathways Worksheet, or at: https://www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/admrreg/gradready/index.html

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**APPLYING TO THE CSU**

Applications to the CSU are available online at www.calstate.edu. Many campuses are at or approaching full capacity in a number of academic disciplines, so are likely to close applications after the priority filing period. Campuses which are less impacted may accept applications past the priority filing period.

Students are encouraged to attend an application workshop during the months of October and November.

**PRIORITY APPLICATION FILING PERIODS**

Fall Term: October 1 – November 30. Spring Term: August 1-31st. Not all campuses accept applications for the Spring term. Consult a counselor for details.

**Cal Poly San Luis Obispo** is the only CSU campus on the quarter system. Applications are accepted for Fall quarter admissions only during the Fall application filing period.

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

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**AREA A: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CRITICAL THINKING: Three courses, one from each group** (9 semester or 12 quarter units)

**A1: Oral Communication. One course; must be completed with a C- or higher** (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

**COMM** 201, 210 or 215

**A2: Written Communication. One course; must be completed with a C- or higher** (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

**ENGL** 201A

**A3: Critical Thinking: One course; must be completed with a C- or higher** (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

**ENGL** 201B, 201C, **COMM** 215 or **PHIL** 208

**AREA B: SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING:**
**(9 semester units or 12 quarter units):**

One course is required from B1; one course is required from B2. One of these two courses must include a lab component. Courses with **integrated lecture and lab are underlined** in Areas B1 and B2. If not taking a course with an integrated lab, a separate one-unit lab courses listed in B3 must be taken with the corresponding lecture course from B1 or B2 for the lab requirement to be met (e.g. BIO 222 and 222L). One course is required from Area B4. The course in B4 must be completed with a C- or higher.

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

**AGPS** 241; **ASTR** 210; **CHEM** 200 (formerly 210FL), 201A, 201B, 211, 212A, 212B, 231; **ENVS** 200; **GEOG** 201 (F '19 onward); **GEOL** 210, 211, 212, 220; **METE** 212; **OCEN** 210; PHYS 205A, 205B, 208A, 208B; **PSCI** 210, 211

**B2: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE COURSES:** (1 course required)

**AGPS** 242; **ANTH** 201 (F '08 onward); **BIOL** 201A, 201B, 202, 204, 205, 206, 211, 212, 213, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224; **PSYC** 202

**B3: SCIENCE COURSES WITH LABORATORY COMPONENT:** (1 course required, but this area may also be satisfied by underlined courses in Group B1 or B2)

**ANTH** 201L; **ASTR** 210L; **BIO** 212L, 220L, 222L; **OCEN** 210L

**B4: MATHEMATICS/QUANTITATIVE REASONING:** 1 course (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

**CIS** 241; **MATH** 220, 227, 229, 230, 231, 232, 236, 242, 247, 255, 265A, 265B, 283, 287

## AREA C: ARTS AND HUMANITIES: Three courses (9 semester/12 quarter units), with at least one course from C1 (Arts) and one course from C2 (Humanities) and a third from C3

**C1: ARTS** (at least one course)

**ARCH** 217, 218; **ART** 200, 203, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 220, 221, 244, 245, 270, 271, 280, 281A; **DRA** 207; **ENGL** 237; **MUS** 201, 235, 236, 237, 238

If completed prior to Fall 2017, DRA 200 can be applied Area C1.
If completed prior to Fall 2015, the following courses can be applied to Area C1: ART 222, 223, 230, 231,234, 241A, 266, 267, 274A, 282, 293, 295; DRA 211; MUS 220, 258

**C2: HUMANITIES:** (at least one course)

**ASL** 201, 202; **ENGL** 201B, 205, 206, 212A, 212B, *213, 215, 216, 217, 231, 237, 242, 245A, 245B, 246A, 246B; **ETHN** *213; **FR** 201, 202; **GER** 201, 202; **HIST** 203A, 203B, 204A, 204B, 207A, 207B, 210, 212, 233, 237; **PHIL** 205, 206, 209, 212, 213; **SPAN** 201, 202, 203, 204.

*ENGL 213 and ETHN 213 are cross listed courses

(If completed prior to Fall 2017, ECE 234 can be applied to Area C2.)

**C3: Complete one additional course from C1 or C2 (at least one course)**

## AREA D: SOCIAL SCIENCES: **Two courses** (Courses may be from the same subject area). (6 semester/9 quarter units)

**AGB** 201; **ANTH** 202, 203, 220, 221, 225; **ASHS** (formerly HDHS) 212, 214, 218; **CDFS** (formerly ECE) 201, 202, 215; **CJ** 202, 224, 228; **COMM** 212, 230, 280; **ECON** 200, 201A, 201B; **EDUC** *210; **ETHN** *210, 211, 219, 230, 231, 234, 235, 240, 250, 260, 270; **FTVE** 221; **GEOG** 201 (through Sp '20 only), 202, 225; **GLST** 210, 220; **HIST** 203A, 203B, 204A, 204B, 207A, 207B, 210, 212, 233, 237, 260; **JOUR** 200 (formerly JOUR 201B); **LGL** 217; **POLS** 201, 202, 204, 205, 206, 209; **PSYC** 200, 201, 204, 233; **SOC** 201A, 201B, 202, 204, 206, 208

*EDUC 210 and ETHN 210 are cross listed courses

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

**ASHS** (formerly HDHS) 205, 212, 218**; CDFS** (formerly ECE) 201, 217; **CSS** 225; **HEED** 202, 203, 206, 208, 210; **NUTR** 210; **PSYC** 201, 206

**AREA F: ETHNIC STUDIES: One course** (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units)
**Students whose first term of enrollment in college following high school graduation is Fall '21 will need to complete the Area F requirement in order to obtain full CSU GE Certification. Consult a counselor for details.**

**EDUC/ETHN** 210; **ENGL/ETHN** 213; **ETHN** 230

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

This is a CSU graduation requirement, and is separate from the CSU GE requirements above. However, courses taken to meet this requirement may also be double counted for CSU GE in the area they are listed. **Two courses; 6 semester units. Take one course from each group.**

**US GROUP 1: HIST 207A or 207B**
**US GROUP 2 & 3: POLS 202**