

# CSU General Education Requirements 2020-2021

## 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 an SMC counselor or visit [www.smc.edu/articulation](http://www.smc.edu/articulation) 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](http://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](http://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.

Santa Monica College offers the courses highlighted below fully online. Students may complete the degree requirements fully online.

### AREA A: ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CRITICAL THINKING: (9 semester or 12 quarter units; one course from each group completed)

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

- COM ST 11, 12<sup>∇</sup>, 16, 21<sup>∇</sup>

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

- ENGL 1, 1D

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

- BUS 32
- COM ST 21<sup>∇</sup>
- ENGL 2<sup>∇</sup>, 31<sup>∇</sup>
- HIST 47<sup>∇</sup>
- PHILOS 7, 9 (*satisfies area if completed Fall 2011 or later*)

### 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 underlined in lists B1 and B2):**

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

- ASTRON 1<sup><</sup>, 2<sup><</sup>, 3<sup><</sup>, 4<sup><</sup>, 5, 7, 8, 10 (*same as GEOL 10*)
- CHEM 9<sup>GC</sup> (*satisfied GC requirement if completed Spring 2013 or later*), 10<sup><</sup>, 11, 12, 19, 21, 22<sup><</sup>, 24<sup><</sup> (*both 22 and 24 must be taken to fulfill lab requirement*), 31
- GEOG 1<sup><</sup>, 3, 5<sup><</sup>
- GEOL 1<sup><</sup>, 3, 4<sup><</sup>, 5, 10 (*same as ASTRON 10*), 31
- PHYSCS 6<sup><</sup>, 7<sup><</sup>, 8<sup><</sup>, 9<sup><</sup>, 12<sup><</sup>, 14<sup><</sup>, 21<sup><</sup>, 22<sup><</sup>, 23, 24

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANATMY 1, 2</li> <li>• ANTHRO 1<sup>&lt;</sup>, 5<sup>&lt;</sup>, 9</li> <li>• BIOL 2<sup>∇</sup>, 3, (4), 9<sup>GC∇</sup>, 10<sup>GC</sup>, 15<sup>&lt;</sup>, 15N<sup>&lt;</sup>, 21, 22, 23</li> <li>• BOTANY 1, 3</li> <li>• MCRBIO 1</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NUTR 1<sup>∇</sup> (<i>satisfies area if completed Fall 2011 or later</i>)</li> <li>• PHYS 3</li> <li>• PSYCH 2</li> <li>• ZOOL 5, (17)</li> </ul> |
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**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"> <li>• ANATMY 1, 2</li> <li>• ANTHRO 5</li> <li>• ASTRON 3, 4</li> <li>• BIOL 3, (4), 10<sup>GC</sup>, 15, 21, 22, 23</li> <li>• BOTANY 1, 3</li> <li>• CHEM 9<sup>GC</sup>, 10, 11, 12, 19, 21, 24, 31</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GEOG 5</li> <li>• GEOL 4, 5</li> <li>• MCRBIO 1</li> <li>• PHYSCS 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24</li> <li>• PHYS 3</li> <li>• ZOOL 5, (17)</li> </ul> |
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**B4: MATHEMATICS/QUANTITATIVE REASONING:** 1 course (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

- ACCTG 45 (*same as BUS 45*) (*fulfills area if completed Fall 2018 or later*)
- BUS 45 (*same as ACCTG 45*) (*fulfills area if completed Fall 2018 or later*)
- CS (10) (*formerly same as MATH 10*)
- MATH 2<sup><</sup>, 3, 4, 7<sup><</sup>, 8<sup><</sup>, 10 (*formerly same as CS 10*), 11, 13, 15, 21, 26<sup><</sup>, 28<sup><</sup>, 29<sup><</sup>, 54

**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):

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

- ART 10A, 10B, 13, 20A, 20B, 40A, 40B
- AHIS 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2, 3, 5<sup>GC</sup>, 6<sup>GC</sup>, 11<sup>GC</sup>, 15, 17<sup>GC</sup>, 18<sup>GC</sup>, 21<sup>GC</sup>, 22<sup>GC</sup>, 52 (same as PHOTO 52), 71, 72<sup>GC</sup>
- ANIM 5 (formerly ET 61)
- DANCE 2<sup>GC</sup>, 6, 5
- ENGL 26<sup>∇</sup> (same as HUM 26), 55<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as TH ART 7)
- ET (61)
- FILM 1, 2, 6<sup>∇</sup>, 8
- HUM 26<sup>∇</sup> (same as ENGL 26)
- INTARC (41) (satisfies area if completed Fall 2009 thru Winter 2021)
- MUSIC 1<sup>c</sup>, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33<sup>GC</sup>, (34), (35), 36<sup>GC</sup>, 37<sup>GC</sup>, 39, 60A, 60B
- PHOTO 52 (same as AHIS 52)
- TH ART 2, 5, (7)<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as ENGL 55), 41

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

- ASL 1, 2
- ARABIC 1<sup>GC</sup>
- AHIS 1<sup>∇</sup>, 5<sup>GC</sup>, 18<sup>GC</sup>, 21<sup>∇</sup>
- CHINESE 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>, 3<sup>GC</sup>, 4<sup>GC</sup>, 9
- COM ST 12<sup>∇</sup>, 14<sup>GC</sup>
- ECON 15<sup>∇</sup> (same as HIST 15)
- ENGL 2<sup>∇</sup>, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9<sup>GC</sup>, 10<sup>GC</sup>, (11) (formerly same as FILM 11), 14, 15, 17, 18, 26<sup>∇</sup> (same as HUM 26), 32<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as HIST 30), 34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 49<sup>GC</sup>, 50, 51 (same as REL ST 51), 52 (same as REL ST 52), 53, 54, 55<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as TH ART 7), 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62
- ENVRN 20<sup>GC</sup> (same as PHILOS 20)
- FILM 5, 6<sup>∇</sup>, 7<sup>GC</sup>, 11 (formerly same as ENGL 11)
- FRENCH 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>, 3<sup>GC</sup>, 4<sup>GC</sup>, 8
- GERMAN 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>, 3<sup>GC</sup>, 4<sup>GC</sup>, 8
- HEBREW 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>, 3<sup>GC</sup>, 4<sup>GC</sup>, 8
- HIST 1<sup>∇</sup>, 2<sup>∇</sup>, 3<sup>∇</sup>, 4<sup>∇</sup>, 5<sup>∇</sup>, 6<sup>GC</sup>, 10<sup>GC</sup>, 11<sup>∇</sup>, 12<sup>∇</sup>, 13<sup>∇</sup>, 15<sup>∇</sup> (same as ECON 15), 16<sup>∇</sup>, 19<sup>∇</sup>, 20<sup>∇</sup>, 21<sup>∇</sup>, 22<sup>∇</sup>, 24<sup>∇</sup>, 25<sup>GC</sup> (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), 26<sup>∇</sup>, 29<sup>∇</sup>, (30)<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as ENGL 32), 33<sup>∇</sup>, 34<sup>GC</sup> (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), 41<sup>∇</sup>, 43<sup>∇</sup>, (45<sup>∇</sup>), (46<sup>∇</sup>), (48)<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as PHILOS 48), 52<sup>∇</sup>, 53, 55<sup>∇</sup>, 62<sup>∇</sup>
- HUM 9A, 26<sup>∇</sup> (same as ENGL 26)
- ITAL 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>, 3<sup>GC</sup>, 4<sup>GC</sup>, 8
- JAPAN 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>, 3<sup>GC</sup>, 4<sup>GC</sup>, 8, 9
- KOREAN 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>, 3<sup>GC</sup>, 4<sup>GC</sup>
- LING 1<sup>GC</sup> (satisfies area if completed Fall 2014 or later)
- PERSIN 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>
- PHILOS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 20<sup>GC</sup> (same as ENVRN 20), 22, 23, 24, 48<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as HIST 48), 51<sup>∇</sup> (same as POL SC 51), 52<sup>∇</sup> (same as POL SC 52)
- POL SC 51<sup>∇</sup> (same as PHILOS 51), 52<sup>∇</sup> (same as PHILOS 52)
- PORTGS 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>
- REL ST 51 (same as ENGL 51), 52 (same as ENGL 52)
- RUSS 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>, 8
- SPAN 1<sup>GC</sup>, 2<sup>GC</sup>, 3<sup>GC</sup>, 4<sup>GC</sup>, 8, 9<sup>∇</sup>, 11<sup>GC</sup>, 12<sup>GC</sup>, 20<sup>∇</sup>
- TH ART (7)<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as ENGL 55)
- TURKSH 1<sup>GC</sup>

**AREA D: SOCIAL SCIENCES: (9 semester/12 quarter units)**

3 courses selected from at least 2 Groups

**GROUP 1:**

- ADJUS 1

**GROUP 2:**

- ANTHRO 2<sup>GC</sup>, 3<sup><</sup>, 4<sup><</sup>, 7, 14<sup>GC</sup>, 19<sup>GC</sup>, 20, 21<sup>GC</sup>, 22

**GROUP 3:**

- ASTRON 6<sup>GC</sup>

**GROUP 4:**

- COM ST 9, 20<sup>GC</sup>, 30, 31, 35, 36<sup>GC</sup>, 37<sup>GC</sup>

**GROUP 5:**

- ECE 11<sup>GC</sup> (satisfies area if completed Fall 2010 or later)

**GROUP 6:**

- ECON 1, 2, 4<sup>GC</sup> (same as ENVRN 4), 5<sup>GC</sup> (same as GLOBAL 5 and POL SC 5), 6, 8 (same as WGS 8), 15<sup>∇</sup> (same as HIST 15)
- ENVRN 4<sup>GC</sup> (same as ECON 4)
- GLOBAL 5<sup>GC</sup> (same as ECON 5 and POL SC 5)
- HIST 15<sup>∇</sup> (same as ECON 15)
- POL SC 5<sup>GC</sup> (same as ECON 5 and GLOBAL 5), 24
- WGS 8 (same as ECON 8)

**GROUP 7:**

- GEOG 2, 7<sup>GC</sup> (same as ENVRN 7), 8 (same as URBAN 8), 11<sup>GC</sup> (same as GLOBAL 11), 14<sup>GC</sup>
- ENVRN 7<sup>GC</sup> (same as GEOG 7)
- GLOBAL 11<sup>GC</sup> (same as GEOG 11)
- URBAN 8 (same as GEOG 8)

**GROUP 8:**

- GLOBAL 10<sup>GC</sup>
- MEDIA 4

**GROUP 9:**

- HIST 1<sup>∇</sup>, 2<sup>∇</sup>, 3<sup>∇</sup>, 4<sup>∇</sup>, 5<sup>∇</sup>, 6<sup>GC∇</sup>, 10<sup>GC∇</sup>, 11<sup>∇</sup>, 12<sup>∇</sup>, 13<sup>∇</sup>, 14<sup>GC</sup> (same as ENVRN 14), 16<sup>∇</sup>, 19<sup>∇</sup>, 20<sup>∇</sup>, 21<sup>∇</sup>, 22<sup>∇</sup>, 24<sup>∇</sup>, 25<sup>GC∇</sup> (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), 26<sup>∇</sup>, 27, 28, 29<sup>∇</sup>, 32<sup>GC</sup> (same as ENVRN 32), 33<sup>∇</sup>, 34<sup>GC∇</sup> (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), 38, 39<sup>GC</sup> (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), 41<sup>∇</sup>, 42, 43<sup>∇</sup>, (45<sup>∇</sup>), (46<sup>∇</sup>), 47<sup>∇</sup>, 52<sup>∇</sup>, 55<sup>∇</sup>, 62<sup>∇</sup>
- ENVRN 14<sup>GC</sup> (same as HIST 14), 32<sup>GC</sup> (same as HIST 32)
- POL SC 24

**GROUP 10:**

- MEDIA 1 (formerly Communication 1), 3<sup>GC</sup> (same as GLOBAL 3), 4, 10<sup>GC</sup> (formerly Communication 10)
- GLOBAL 3<sup>GC</sup> (same as MEDIA 3)

**GROUP 11:**

- NUTR 7<sup>GC∇</sup>

**GROUP 12:**

- PHILOS 48<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as HIST 48)
- HIST (48)<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as PHILOS 48)

**GROUP 13:**

- POL SC 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 14, 21<sup>GC</sup>, 22<sup>GC</sup> (same as ENVRN 22), 23, 24, 31, 47, 51<sup>∇</sup> (same as PHILOS 51), 52<sup>∇</sup> (same as PHILOS 52)
- ENVRN 22<sup>GC</sup> (same as POL SC 22)
- PHILOS 51<sup>∇</sup> (same as POL SC 51), 52<sup>∇</sup> (same as POL SC 52)

**GROUP 14:**

- PSYCH 1<sup>∇</sup>, 3<sup>∇</sup>, 6<sup>∇</sup>, 7, 8, 11<sup>∇</sup>, 13<sup>∇</sup>, 14, (18)<sup>GC</sup>, 19<sup>∇</sup>, 25<sup>∇</sup>, 40<sup>GC</sup> (same as ENVRN 40) (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2011 or later)
- ECE (18<sup>GC</sup>)
- ENVRN 40<sup>GC</sup> (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2011 or later) (same as PSYCH 40)

**GROUP 15:**

- SOCIOL 1, 1s<sup>GC</sup>, 2, 2s<sup>GC</sup>, 4, 12, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34<sup>GC</sup>

**GROUP 16:**

- SPAN 9<sup>∇</sup>, 20<sup>∇</sup>

**GROUP 17:**

- WGS 10<sup>GC</sup> (formerly WOM ST 10), 20<sup>GC</sup> (formerly WOM ST 20), 30<sup>GC</sup> (formerly WOM ST 30), 40<sup>GC</sup>

**GROUP 18:**

- ENGL 32<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as HIST 30)
- HIST (30)<sup>∇</sup> (formerly same as ENGL 32)

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

- ACCTG 45 (same as BUS 45) (satisfies area if completed Fall 2015 thru Summer 2018)
- BILING (1)
- BIOL 2<sup>∇</sup>, 9<sup>GC∇</sup>
- BUS 45 (same as ACCT 45) (satisfies area if completed Fall 2015 thru Summer 2018), 47 (same as COUNS 47) (satisfies area if completed Fall 2014 or after)
- COUNS 12, 20, (30), 47 (same as BUS 47) (satisfies area if completed Fall 2014 or later)
- DANCE 29
- ENGL 31<sup>∇</sup>
- HEALTH 10
- KIN PE 2, 4, 12, 18, 34D, 35A, 35B, 45B, 45D, 50B, 50D, 52A, 52B - ALL activity courses (however there is a 2 unit maximum limit; see assist.org for a detailed list of courses that apply)
- NUTR 1<sup>∇</sup>, (4), (9)
- PSYCH 1<sup>∇</sup>, 3<sup>∇</sup>, 5, 6<sup>∇</sup>, 11<sup>∇</sup>, 11C, 13<sup>∇</sup>, 19<sup>∇</sup>, 25<sup>∇</sup>
- VAR PE 11A, 11B, 59W

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

**US GROUP 2 & 3:**

- POL SC 1

**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.