

# California General Education Transfer Curriculum Effective Fall 2025

## Cal-GETC

### What is Cal-GETC?

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the singular transfer general education pathway for California Community College (CCC) students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for transfer and admission to the CSU and UC systems.

### When does Cal-GETC start?

Cal-GETC shall be effective beginning Fall 2025.

### Cal-GETC primarily applies to:

- New students starting at a CCC in fall 2025 or later who have not previously enrolled at a CCC or CSU.
- Students from UC/Private in-state/ or Out of State institutions that don't have catalog rights at a CCC or CSU.
- New students pursuing an ADT starting summer 2025 or later.
- Dual enrollment students matriculating as new CCC students.

### Cal-GETC may not be appropriate for students who:

- Are NOT planning to transfer
- Maintained "continuous enrollment" at OCC or another CCC and/or CSU beginning prior to Fall 2025. Students who have continuous enrollment prior to Fall 2025 may elect to complete Cal-GETC but it is not required.
- Awarded the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) on their official CCC transcript
- Awarded the full GE Certification for CSU GE Breadth or IGETC on their transcripts
- Enrolled initially at a UC campus, then left and attended a CCC, and subsequently want to return to the same UC campus. Such students are considered "Readmits" by the UC and cannot use the Cal-GETC.

### If a new incoming student enrolled in classes in the Summer of 2025, which pattern would the student follow?

A new student that completed a course in the Summer of 2025 must follow the 2025-26 catalog. Catalog rights are determined when a student first enrolls in a primary term (fall or spring semester). Therefore, a student starting in summer 2025 will be following Cal-GETC. Students may need to meet with a counselor to officially change their program of study to reflect the correct GE pattern based on the student's OCC catalog year.

### What maintains a student's catalog rights within the CCC system?

Maintaining catalog rights within the CCC system requires continuous attendance in at least one course for at least one regular semester or two regular quarters in each calendar year at any California Community College campus. Please keep in mind that individual community colleges maintain their own local catalog rights. **Note:** Within this guide, all references to catalog rights are for CCC system catalog rights unless otherwise noted.

### What if a CCC student has catalog rights to use CSU GE Breadth or IGETC?

The CSU or IGETC pattern is still an option for students with continuous enrollment who meet the requirements so long as they don't stop out/lose catalog rights. There has not been further discussion of when to sunset this transfer general education pattern. It is still yet to be determined.

### If a student has catalog rights to CSU GE Breadth pattern and takes a course in the Fall of 2025 or Spring of 2026 that previously satisfied CSU GE Area E, would the course still count towards CSU GE Area E?

- The course would still count so long as the student has maintained *catalog rights*.
- A course that fulfills CSU GE Breadth will be retained if the student has maintained continuous enrollment and the course satisfied the GE area at the time it was completed. There has not been further discussion of when to sunset this transfer general education pattern; It is still yet to be determined.
- If the student stops out or loses catalog rights and does not complete the CSU GE Breadth, the student would be following the Cal-GETC version that is effective at that time.

## **Can students returning to OCC in Fall 2025 after a break and who no longer have catalog rights to IGETC pattern use previously completed coursework to satisfy Cal-GETC?**

- Until California legislature determines otherwise, if a student completed a GE course that satisfied an IGETC area *at the time of completion*, it can be used to satisfy the corresponding Cal-GETC area.
- Whether or not a course satisfies an IGETC area at the time of completion can be verified through **assist.org** in the “IGETC for UC and CSU” transferability lists.
- Returning transfer students not completing Cal-GETC but wishing to use previously completed coursework to satisfy individual campus admission requirements should consult with their target transfer institutions.
- Individual university campuses may have additional policies allowing students to meet admission requirements through means other than the completion of Cal-GETC.

## **How can a counselor help a student toward their educational goals?**

- Navigating the community college transfer landscape is complex and ever-changing; therefore, students should plan to meet with a counselor early in their time at OCC to develop a plan to meet their educational goals.
- Counselors can help students create/update their student educational plans (SEP), assess their educational major/career choices, review admission requirements for impacted campuses, change their majors, review specific transfer program requirements, and make recommendations to other student services/programs, and much more.

### **Unit Value**

**Cal-GETC Unit Value** - Courses must have a minimum of 3 semesters or 4 quarter units. **Note:** Lab courses that accompany lecture courses are an exception

### **UC Unit Limitations**

- A maximum of 4 Physical Education units is UC transferable.
- Students who complete any part of their education between 9th and 12th grade at an institution where the language of instruction is other than English, will not receive UC unit credit for courses taken at CCC or an AP exam in that same language.

### **Courses with UC Unit Limitations\***

Some courses offered at OCC have transfer unit limitations, which are noted beneath the course descriptions listed in this catalog, as well as online (go to [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)).

### **Grades**

#### **Will a D grade satisfy any Cal-GETC GE requirements?**

- No. Courses for Cal-GETC must be passed with a minimum grade of “C,” where a “C” grade is defined as a 2.0 on a 4.0 GPA scale.
- A “Credit” or “Pass” is acceptable up to 14 units, providing that it is equivalent to a grade of “C” or higher. A college transcript must reflect this policy. A letter grade is recommended for courses within the “Golden Four” (Areas 1A, 1B, 1C, and 2)

### **Requirements outside of Cal-GETC**

#### **Can CSU or UC bound transfer students still satisfy American Institution (AI) requirements while at OCC?**

- While these requirements are outside Cal-GETC, counselors will still highly recommend “double counting” through the completion of specific History and Political Science courses toward the CSU American Institution (AI) graduation requirements and social science Cal-GETC areas.
- UC American Institution requirements are determined by each individual campus and may be met with high school or college coursework. Students should consult their target UC campus’ catalog for American Institution graduation requirements

#### **Can UC-bound transfer students still meet Language Other Than English (LOTE) requirements while at OCC?**

The UC Language other than English (LOTE) graduation requirement is not part of Cal-GETC. Upon transfer to UC, a course that is approved to fulfill a Cal-GETC subject area may be used to satisfy the LOTE requirement if it meets relevant UC criteria. LOTE is a graduation requirement for UC students. Each UC and each major at the UC vary in what will fulfill this graduation requirement. It is not part of Cal-GETC and is not an admission requirement. The following

website link will allow you to access each UC's website in order to search for the LOTE graduation requirement: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/>. **Please note:** Students who complete any part of their education between 9th and 12th grade at an institution where the language of instruction is other than English will not receive UC unit credit for courses taken at Orange Coast College in the same language.

### **Credit by External Exams-**

#### **Applying International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit to Cal-GETC ([OCC IB catalog Link](#))**

- A score of 5, 6, or 7 on Higher Level (HL) exams is required to grant credit for Cal-GETC certification.
- An acceptable IB score for Cal-GETC equates to 4 quarters (3 semester) units for certification purposes.
- For *transfer purposes*, UC will grant 8 quarter (5.3 semester) units for each IB exam completed with a score of 5, 6, or 7 on HL exams.
- CSU also grants unit credit for transfer purposes of IB HL exams. See a counselor for details.
- Students who have earned credit for an IB exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will NOT be granted for both.
- See the chart in the Policies and Regulations section for a list of the IB exams that may be used on the Cal-GETC pattern.

#### **Applying Advanced Placement (AP) Credit to Cal-GETC ([OCC AP catalog Link](#))-**

- A score of 3, 4 or 5 is required to grant credit for Cal-GETC certification. Students who have earned credit from an AP exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both.
- There is no equivalent AP exam for Cal-GETC Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition).
- Where more than one area of Cal-GETC is possible (3B or 4) the AP exam may be used in either area (either Cal-GETC Area 3B or Cal-GETC Area 4) regardless of where the certifying CCC's comparable course is located.
- Students earning a score of 3, 4 or 5 in a Physical or Biological science AP examination earn credit toward Cal-GETC Area 5A (Physical Science) or 5B (Biological Science) and also meet the Cal-GETC 5C (Laboratory) requirement. With this exception, each AP exam may only be applied to one Cal-GETC area.

#### **A few exceptions:**

- AP exams in Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, or Physics 2 allow CCC campuses to apply 4 semester or 5 quarter units to Cal-GETC Area 5 certification.
- AP exams in Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics and Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism only allow CCC campuses to apply 3 semester or 4 quarter units to Cal-GETC certification.
- See the chart in the Policies and Regulations section for a list of the AP exams that may be used on the Cal-GETC pattern.

**Note**-College courses with similar content to an AP exam may yield transfer credit. Unit/subject credit are determined by each transfer institution. Please check with the admission representative. *Official transcripts/Advanced Placement scores must be on file with OCC's Admissions Office.*

#### **Duplication with college courses**

Students should be advised that college courses taken before or after attending UC may duplicate AP, IB and/or A-Level examinations. Additionally, exams may duplicate each other (for example, an AP or IB exam in the same subject area) UC will not grant credit for college courses in which the content duplicates material of a previously completed course or examination for which credit has already been granted, with the exception of the repeat of deficient (D/F) course grades. Students will need to reach out to the individual four-year university to understand campus specific policy as it relates to duplication of college courses and AP/ IB. [UC AP credit Information](#)

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

AREA 1 – ENGLISH COMMUNICATION		C	IP	N
1A	<b>ENGLISH COMMUNICATION (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) AP Only</b> English C1000 English as a Second Language 100 Course: _____ College: _____ AP: _____			
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<b>1B</b>	<b><u>CRITICAL THINKING AND COMPOSITION (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) No AP/IB</u></b> English 101, 101H, C1001(or C1001H), 109 Philosophy 150 Course: _____ College: _____			
<b>1C</b>	<b><u>ORAL COMMUNICATION (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) No AP/IB</u></b> Communication Studies C1000(+F25) Course: _____ College: _____			

<b>AREA 2 – MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING</b>		<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>2</b>	<b><u>MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) AP or IB Accepted</u></b> Mathematics 100, 115, 140, 155, 170, 180 (or 180H), 182H, 185 (or 185H), 230, 235, 280 (or 280H), 285 (or 285H), 287(+F25), 290H Statistics C1000 Psychology 160 Public Health 214(+F25) Course: _____ College: _____ AP/IB: _____			

<b>AREA 3 – ARTS AND HUMANITIES</b>		<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b><u>ARTS (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) AP/IB Accepted</u></b> Architectural Technology 290* (or 290H*)(+F11), 296* (or 296H*)(+F11) Art 100 (or 100H), 101 (or 101H), 102, 103, 107(+F01), 108, 109(+F16), 109H(+F25), 114(+F15), 115(+F15) Dance 200, 230 Film/Video 100, 100H (+F22), 109(+F23), 109H(+F23) Music 100, 105, 115*, 139, 143, 180 Photography 110 (+F21), 123(+F15), 130, 230(+F23) Theatre Arts 100*, 101*, 105 Course: _____ College: _____ AP/IB: _____			
<b>3B</b>	<b><u>HUMANITIES (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) AP/IB Accepted</u></b> Chinese 185(+F15) Communication Studies 155(+F17), 180(+S06) English 140(-F06/+F24) or 140H(+F24), 141(or 141H)(+F07), 143(or 143H)(+F07), 147(-F06/+F07) or 147H(+F07), 148(or 148H)(+F07), 150(or 150H)(+F07), 151(or 151H)(+F07), 152 or 152H(+F07), 156(+F01) or 156H(+F07), 160(or 160H)(+F07), 161(or 161H)(+F07), 168(+F17), 170(or 170H)(+F07), 173(-F06/+F08) or 173H(+F08), 176(or 176H)(+F07), 179(+F15) or 179H(+F24), 181(or 181H)(+F07), 187(or 187H)(+F07), 270(or 270H)(+F07), 275(or 275H)(+F07) Ethnic Studies 150 French 185 or 185H(+F15), 280, 285 Gender Studies 187(+F03) German 185, 280, 285 History 101(+F00), 150, 151(+F19), 152(+F19), 161(or 161H), 162(or 162H), 170(or 170H), 175(or 175H), 176(-F06), 180(or 180H), 185(or 185H), 187, 195 Humanities 100, 101(or 101H) Italian 185, 280, 285 Japanese 185 or 185H(+F15), 280, 285 Philosophy 100, 100H(+F25), 115, 118, 120, 125(+F14), 140(+F23), 165, 185 Photography A101(+F15) Portuguese 185(+F15) Religious Studies 100, 110, 115, 135 (+F21), 150, 151 (+F21) Spanish 185(or 185H), 280(or 280H), 285 Vietnamese 185(+S04) Course: _____ College: _____ AP/IB: _____			

AREA 4 – SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES		C	IP	N
4	<p>(2 courses from two academic disciplines. 6 semester or 8 quarter units) <b>AP/IB Accepted</b></p> <p>Anthropology 100(or 100H), 102, 187(+F16),190, 220 (+F21), 280  Child Development and Education 180  Communication Studies 155(+S04)  Economics 100*, 170 (or 170H)(+F17), 175 (or 175H (F+17)  Ethnic Studies 100, 110(+F23), 115(+F23), 190  Gender Studies 100(+S04), 130(+F08), 187(+S04)  Geography 100(or 100H), 150(+F13), 185  Global Studies 101(+F17), 102(+F17)  History 101(+F17), 140(+F24), 144(+F24), 145(+F24), 151(+F19). 152(+F19), 170(or 170H)(+F16), 175(or 175H)(+F16), 176(+F24), 180(or 180H)(+F16), 185(+F20), 185H(+F20), 187(+S04), 198(+F25)  Political Science C1000 (or C1000H), 101, 110, 185, 188(+F24), 200(+F25)  Psychology C1000 (or C1000H), 105(+F08), 110(+F24), 130(+F09), 165*, 185, 190(or 190H)(+F16), 220*, 255 (+F21), 260, 270 (+F21), 280 (+F21)  Public Health 203 (+F23)  Social Justice Studies 101(+F23), 102(+F23)  Sociology 100(or 100H), 110, 150, 185(or 185H)</p> <p>Course: _____ College: _____ AP/IB: _____</p> <p>Course: _____ College: _____ AP/IB: _____</p>			

AREA 5 – PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES		C	IP	N
5A	<p><b>PHYSICAL SCIENCE</b> (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) <b>AP/IB Accepted</b></p> <p>Astronomy 100(or 100H),101, 102, 103, 104 (+F21), 200(+F16) or 200H (+F21)  Chemistry 100*, <u>110*</u>, <u>130*</u>, <u>180</u>, <u>185</u>(+F09), <u>220</u>, 225  Geography 180(or 180H)  Geology 105*(or 105H*), <u>110</u>, 160, 185(or 185H)(+F25)  Marine Science 185*  Natural Science A112(+F25)  Physics 110*, <u>120*</u>, <u>130*</u>, <u>185*</u>(or <u>185H*</u>(+F22)), <u>280*</u>(+F14), <u>285*</u>(+F14)</p> <p>Course: _____ College: _____ AP/IB: _____</p>			
5B	<p><b>BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE</b> (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) <b>AP/IB Accepted</b></p> <p>Anthropology 185 (or 185H)  Biology <u>100*</u>(or <u>100H</u>), 101, 115(+F15),125, <u>180</u>, 182(or 182H(+F22), <u>182</u> (or <u>182H</u>), 183,<u>185</u>(+F07), <u>210</u>, <u>220*</u>, <u>221*</u>, <u>225</u>, 283(+F15)  Ecology/Environmental science and Ecology 100 (or 100H (+F21)), 101(+F17)  Marine Science 100(or 100H), 180  Psychology 250</p> <p>Course: _____ College: _____ AP/IB: _____</p>			

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<b>5C</b>	<b><u>LABORATORY (1 semester or 1 quarter unit) No AP/IB</u></b>  Anthropology 185L Astronomy 100L (or 100M) Biology 100 (or 100H), 180, 182L, 183L, 185, 210, 220, 221, 225 Chemistry 110, 130, 180, 185, 220L, 225L Geography 180L Geology 105L (or 105M), 110, 160, 185L (or 185M)(+F25) Marine Science 100L (or 100M), 180L, 185L Physics 111, 120, 130, 185, 185H, 280, 285  Course: _____ College: _____			
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<b>AREA 6 – ETHNIC STUDIES</b>		<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>ETHNIC STUDIES (1 course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units) NO AP/IB</b>  This course must be in ethnic studies or in a similar field provided that the course is cross listed with ethnic studies  Ethnic Studies 100, 110, 115, 150, 190 History 150  Course: _____ College: _____			

<b>(Optional)</b> CSU Graduation Requirement: US History, Constitution & American Ideals	<b>C</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>N</b>
US history Constitution and American Ideal (Not a part of CALG GETC; maybe completed prior to transfer. Completion of HIST 100(-F15), 170(or 170H), 175(or 175H) and POLS C1000 will fulfill this requirement. (6 semester units/8 quarter units)			

<b>The UC Language other than English (LOTE) graduation requirement is not part of Cal-GETC.</b>			
Proficiency is equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language with a minimum grade of "C" or better). Upon transfer to UC, a course that is approved to fulfill a Cal-GETC subject area may be used to satisfy the LOTE requirement if it meets relevant UC criteria. LOTE is a graduation requirement for UC students. Each UC and each major at the UC vary in what will fulfill this graduation requirement. It is not part of Cal-GETC and is not an admission requirement. The following website link will allow you to access each UC's website in order to search for the LOTE graduation requirement: <a href="https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/">https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/</a> Please note: Students who complete any part of their education between 9th and 12th grade at an institution where the language of instruction is other than English will not receive UC unit credit for courses taken at Orange Coast College in the same language.			

## **Cal- GETC Certification Overview**

### **What is Cal-GETC Certification?**

- "Certification" means that the last California Community College a student attended for a regular term (Fall or Spring for semester schools or Fall, Winter, Spring for quarter schools) prior to transfer to the UC or CSU system will verify that the student has completed the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) Requirements
- Completion of Cal-GETC is required for students earning an Associate's Degree for Transfer (ADT).
- As of this printing, partial Cal-GETC certification is **not granted** for students pursuing an ADT or transferring to the CSU system.
- Partial Cal-GETC certification **is granted** to UC bound students where Cal-GETC is accepted. Students may complete a maximum of two courses of the Cal-GETC pattern after transfer. Neither course to be completed may be English Communication (Area 1) or Mathematical Concepts (Area 2).
- Before petitioning for Cal-GETC certification, students are strongly urged to consult with their Orange Coast College counselor and verify that they have fulfilled their Cal-GETC requirements.

### **How do I request a Cal-GETC GE certification?**

The Cal-GETC GE certification must be initiated by the student (it's not automatic.)

- To request a certification, submit a [official transcript request](#) to the Student Records Office and indicate that you need certification with the transcript.
- Mark the GE Cal-GETC certification box on the transcript request form.
- Cal-GETC certification can only be mailed directly to the transfer school.
- Certifications should be requested on the last (final) transcript going to your transfer school.
- If you've completed coursework at other institutions, official transcripts from those schools must be on file at Orange Coast College prior to your request.
- If you have not completed the Cal-GETC transfer pattern, you are not ready to send your transcript with this certification.

### **Cal-GETC Course Requirements and guidelines**

- Courses completed at a California Community College will be applied to the subject area in which they were listed by the institution where the work was completed – see <https://www.assist.org/>
- Coursework from other United States Institutionally accredited, (formerly regionally accredited) institutions may be used on Cal-GETC based on the outcome from the OCC evaluation office
- A course must be taken during a term approved for Cal-GETC (<https://www.assist.org/>)
- A course may be approved in multiple Cal-GETC Areas but can **only** be used to satisfy a single Area 1-6 requirement.
- IGETC courses taken prior to Fall 2025 may be applied in the same Cal-GETC Area for certification
- Foreign coursework from non-institutionally accredited institutions (formerly US regionally accredited institutions) may not be used

### **Exceptions to the Certification Process**

- Cal-GETC Certification Using Pre-Fall 2025 IGETC Courses Students who completed IGETC-approved courses prior to Fall 2025, including courses that are no longer active in assist.org, may apply those courses in the same Cal-GETC area(s) for certification.
- IGETC Certification Using Cal-GETC Courses - Students seeking IGETC or CSU Breadth certification may use Cal-GETC-approved courses in the same area(s)—whether newly created or newly approved as of Fall 2025.

### **Applying Non-OCC Coursework to CAL-GETC for certification**

- The institution is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or an equivalent accrediting body.
- A course taken at a California Community College is applied to the subject area in which it is listed by the institution where the work was completed (check <https://www.assist.org/> for college Cal-GETC).
- Coursework from other US regionally accredited institutions may be used on Cal-GETC. Coursework must be evaluated by the OCC Evaluations Office.
- Each course is a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units
- The grade received in the course is C (2.0) or higher. A grade of C- (C minus) is not acceptable. A "Credit" or "Pass" that is defined by institutional policy as being equivalent to a grade of C (2.0) or higher may be applied to Cal-GETC requirements.
- Foreign coursework from non-United States regionally accredited institutions cannot be used for Cal-GETC.
- All courses that meet Cal-GETC requirements are completed by the end of the semester that the student is petitioning for certification.
- All official transcripts from all colleges attended must be on file at OCC in order to process Cal- GETC certification.

### **Exam Credit/Limitations**

- Course credit earned on the basis of acceptable scores on Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams can be applied toward Cal-GETC certification:
- CLEP cannot be used on Cal-GETC. The CSU has a system-wide policy for CLEP exams and awarding transfer credit for admission or towards the completion of CSU GE based on these exams. ([OCC CLEP catalog Link](#))

**Given that high school students cannot establish catalog rights to a CSU/UC through completing CCC coursework, if a high school student gets CSU GE /IGETC certified from the community college, does this allow them to utilize the CSUGE/IGETC certification, or do they default to Cal-GETC regardless since they are high school students?**

- Yes, if the student is awarded the CSU GE and/or IGETC prior to high school graduation, then the student is NOT required to follow the Cal-GETC. Please note, it's the students' responsibility to submit a CSU/IGETC GE certification request through the [OCC Enrollment Center \(Records Office\)](#).