

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.

If a new incoming student wants to take classes in the Summer of 2025, which pattern would the student follow?

- A new student taking 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.
- A student may need to meet with a counselor to officially change the student's program to reflect the correct GE pattern based on the student's OCC catalog year.

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 who are matriculating as regular students effective fall 2025, and may start in summer 2025.
- New students starting courses in the summer 2025.

Cal-GETC may not be appropriate for students who:

- are not transferring and only getting the AA/AS degrees
- maintained continuous enrollment at OCC or another CCC prior to Fall 2025
- have already completed the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
- met the full GE Certification for CSU GE Breadth or IGETC

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, 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 GE Breadth 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.
- The 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.

Can CSU-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 AI 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 AI graduation requirements.

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

- a. While these requirements are outside Cal-GETC, counselors will still highly recommend transfer students to complete the LOTE for UC-bound students who do not meet the requirements through Advanced Placement, high school coursework, or others listed in the Cal-GETC standards.
- b. Per Cal-GETC standards, UC campuses have the discretion on whether to allow courses used to satisfy GE requirements to also count for UC LOTE.

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

- a. Navigating the community college transfer landscape is complex and everchanging; therefore, students should plan to meet with a counselor early in their time at OCC to ensure they are given accurate and up-to-date information based on their educational goals.
- b. 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.

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?

- a. The course would still count so long as the student has maintained *catalog rights*.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.

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 completes the full CSU GE or IGETC pattern prior to graduation from high school and completes the certification process through an Official Transcript Request, they are not required to follow Cal-GETC.

Can students request a partial Cal-GETC Certification?

- a. Only a full Cal-GETC Certification may be forwarded to the CSU and UC with all areas completed.
- b. No partial Cal-GETC Certification will be accepted.
- c. At this time, no decision has been made with Cal-GETC for STEM majors.

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

- a. 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.
- b. 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)

If a student takes a *new* course approved for a Cal-GETC Area and wants to use it toward their old CSU GE Breadth or IGETC GE pattern, can the student do that?

- a. Students with catalog rights to the CSU GE Breadth or IGETC pattern cannot use new Cal-GETC approved courses to satisfy previous CSU or IGETC requirements.
- b. Cal-GETC courses previously approved on "IGETC for UC and CSU" can be used to satisfy the same GE area that the course was previously approved prior to Fall 2025.

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.

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

- a. 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.
- b. Whether or not a course satisfied an IGETC area at the time of completion can be verified through **assist.org** in the "IGETC for UC and CSU" transferability lists.
- c. 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.
- d. Individual university campuses may have additional policies allowing students to meet admission requirements through means other than the completion of Cal-GETC.

Cal-GETC Checklist

A summary of requirements for Cal-GETC certification is listed below.

1. The institution is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or an equivalent accrediting body.
2. 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 www.assist.org for college Cal-GETC).
3. Coursework from other US regionally accredited institutions may be used on Cal-GETC. Coursework must be evaluated by the office of evaluations.
4. The grade received in 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.
5. Foreign coursework from non-United States regionally accredited institutions cannot be used for Cal-GETC.
6. Each course is a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units. (Exceptions may be made for English Composition or math. See a counselor for details.)
7. All courses that meet Cal-GETC requirements are completed by the end of the semester that the student is petitioning for certification.
8. If two years of high school foreign language are used to satisfy the UC language other than English requirement (Not a Cal-GETC Area), official copies of high school transcripts must be on file. This requirement can also be met by providing official documentation showing satisfactory completion, with a grade of C or better, of two years of formal schooling at the sixth grade level or higher at an institution where the language of instruction is not English. Exam results used to meet this requirement must be on file at Orange Coast College.
9. All official transcripts from every college attended must be on file to process certification.

NOTE: Roosevelt and Revelle Colleges at UC San Diego, the School of Business at UC Berkeley, the College of Environmental Design (Architecture & Landscape Architecture majors) at UC Berkeley, and the College of Engineering at UC Riverside will not accept Cal-GETC. Students pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division major preparation may not find the Cal-GETC option advantageous. Engineering, Architecture, and Liberal Studies are examples of those majors.

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

| AREA 2 – MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING | | |
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| 2 | MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) AP or IB Accepted 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 Public Health 214(+F25) | Course |

| AREA 3 – ARTS AND HUMANITIES | | |
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| 3A | ARTS (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) AP/IB Accepted 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 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) | Course |
| 3B | HUMANITIES (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) AP/IB Accepted 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 Chinese 185(+F15) Communication Studies 155(+F17), 180(+S06) Vietnamese 185(+S04) | Course |

| AREA 4 – SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES | | |
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| (2 courses from two academic disciplines. 6 semester or 8 quarter units) AP/IB Accepted 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)(+F17) 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) | | |
| 4A | Course: _____ College: _____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate: | Course 1 |
| 4B | Course: _____ College: _____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate: | Course 2 |

| AREA 5 – PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES | | |
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| 5A | <u>PHYSICAL SCIENCE</u> (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) AP/IB Accepted Astronomy 100(or 100H),101, 102, 103, 104 (+F21), 200(+F16) or 200H (+F21) Chemistry 100*, 110*, 130*, 180, 185(+F09), 220, 225 Geography 180(or 180H) Geology 105*(or 105H*), 110, 160, 185(or 185H)(+F25) Marine Science 185* Natural Science A112(+F25) Physics 110*, 120*, 130*, 185*(or 185H*(+F22)), 280*(+F14), 285*(+F14) | Course |
| 5B | <u>BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE</u> (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) AP/IB Accepted Anthropology 185 (or 185H) Biology 100*(or 100H), 101, 115(+F15),125, 180, 182(or 182H(+F22), 182 (or 182H), 183, 185(+F07), 210, 220*, 221*, 225, 283(+F15) Ecology/Environmental science and Ecology 100 (or 100H (+F21)), 101(+F17) Marine Science 100(or 100H), 180 Psychology 250 | Course |
| 5C | <u>LABORATORY</u> (1 semester or 1 quarter unit) No AP/IB 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), 108L, 185L Physics 111, 120, 130,185, 185H, 280, 285 | Lab Course |

| AREA 6 – ETHNIC STUDIES | | |
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| 6 | ETHNIC STUDIES (1 course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units) NO AP/IB This course must be in ethnic studies or in a similar field provided that they course is cross-listed with ethnic studies Course: _____ College: _____ Ethnic Studies 100, 110, 115, 150, 190 History 150 | Course |

| OPTIONAL – UC GRADUATION REQUIREMENT: LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH CHOOSE ONE OPTION | | |
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| A | <p>(Not part of the Cal-GETC; may be completed prior to transfer) AP/IB Accepted</p> <p>Proficiency equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language</p> <p>Course: _____</p> <p>College: _____</p> <p>Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate: _____</p> | Choose one |
| B | <p>(Not part of the Cal-GETC; may be completed prior to transfer) AP/IB Accepted</p> <p>Completed college course(s)</p> <p>Course: _____</p> <p>College: _____</p> <p>Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate: _____</p> | Choose one |
| C | <p>(Not part of the Cal-GETC; may be completed prior to transfer) AP/IB Accepted</p> <p>Other: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> | Choose one |

| OPTIONAL – CSU GRADUATION REQUIREMENT IN U.S. HISTORY, CONSTITUTION & AMERICAN IDEALS | | |
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| 1 | <p>(Not part of the Cal-GETC; may be completed prior to transfer, 6 units) AP/IB Accepted</p> <p>US. HISTORY</p> <p>Course: _____</p> <p>College: _____</p> <p>Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate: _____</p> | Course |
| 2 | <p>(Not part of the Cal-GETC; may be completed prior to transfer, 6 units) AP/IB Accepted</p> <p>POLITICAL SCIENCE</p> <p>Course: _____</p> <p>College: _____</p> <p>Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate: _____</p> | Course |

Applying International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit to Cal-GETC

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 quarter (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

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 (cf., 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.
- Generally, an acceptable AP score (3 or higher) for Cal-GETC equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes.
- College courses, including OCC courses, with similar content to an AP exam may yield transfer credit. Unit and subject credit is determined by each transfer institution. For details, see a counselor or UC/CSU Outreach representative.
- Official transcripts/scores and Advanced Placement (AP) scores must be on file with OCC's Admissions Office.

An exception is that 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.

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UC Unit Limitations

- A maximum of 4 Physical Education units are 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).