



The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) 2025-2026

This pattern is for students who began a California Community College Fall 2025 or later, or those who have not maintained catalog rights. See a counselor for details.

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the singular general education pathway for California Community College (CCC) students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for both the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC). The curriculum and its policies are overseen by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS), representing faculty from California's three segments of public higher education.

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 ASSIST.org. Coursework from other United States Institutionally accredited, (formerly regionally accredited) institutions may be used on Cal-GETC. Coursework must be evaluated by a counselor. All courses must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. 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 meet Cal-GETC requirements. **Foreign coursework from non-institutionally accredited institutions (formerly US regionally accredited institutions) may not be used.** 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:

CHART AND EXAM LINKS

Advanced Placement (AP) Tests and SMC GE Chart: [ap-chart-2025.pdf](#)

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams: [ib-chart-2025.pdf](#)

Cal-GETC CERTIFICATION

The Cal-GETC requirements must be completed and certified prior to transfer. "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 Cal-GETC requirements. It is the student's responsibility to request Cal-GETC certification from SMC to the university that the student will be attending. **Note that Cal-GETC is not a UC admission requirement.**

Requests for Cal-GETC certification may be filed in the Admissions and Records Office. See <https://www.smc.edu/admission-aid/enrollment/forms.php>

Before petitioning for Cal-GETC certification, students are strongly urged to consult with their Santa Monica College counselor and verify that they have fulfilled their Cal-GETC requirements.

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) Requirements

All courses must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. Courses used to meet Cal-GETC requirements must have a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units.

Students who plan to transfer need to know which courses completed at Santa Monica College will be accepted at the college/university they plan to attend.

Santa Monica College major articulation agreements with the California State University (CSU), the University of California (UC) and some private California Colleges can be found on the Articulation System Stimulating Inter-Institutional Transfer website ASSIST.ORG

AREA 1 - ENGLISH COMMUNICATION	
GROUP 1A: ENGLISH COMPOSITION: 1 course (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL (1) (see ENGL C1000), C1000 (formerly ENGL 1) 	
<i>or</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 1D 	
GROUP 1B - CRITICAL THINKING: (3 semester/4-5 quarter units) 1 course	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL (2[▽]) (See ENGL C1001), C1001 (formerly ENGL 2) 	HIST 47 [▽] (satisfies area if completed Fall 2012 or later)
GROUP 1C - ORAL COMMUNICATION: (3 semester/4-5 quarter units) 1 course	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COM ST (11) (see COMM C1000), 21 COMM C1000 (formerly COM ST 11) 	
AREA 2 - MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING: (3 semester/4-5 quarter units) 1 course	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 21, 26, 28, 29, (54) (see STAT C1000), 55 STAT C1000 (formerly MATH 54) 	

AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES: (6 semester/8 quarter units) 2 courses with one course from Group A (Arts) and one course from Group B (Humanities)

GROUP A – ARTS: 1 course

- AHIS 1^{GC}, 2^{GC}, 3, 5^{GC}, 6^{GC}, 11^{GC}, 15, 17^{GC}, 18^{GC}, 21^{GC}, 22^{GC}, 52 (same as PHOTO 52), 71^{GC}, 72^{GC}
- ANIM 5
- DANCE 2^{GC}, 5^{GC}, 6
- ENGL 55[▽] (formerly same as TH ART 7)
- FILM 1, 2, 6[▽], 8
- MUSIC 1[<], 29^{GC}, 30, 31, 32, 33^{GC}, 36^{GC}, 37^{GC}, 39
- PHOTO 52 (same as AHIS 52)
- TH ART 2, 5

GROUP B – HUMANITIES: 1 course

- AHIS 18^{GC}
- ASL 2^{GC}
- CHNESE 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 9^{GC}
- COM ST 12[▽]
- ECON 15[▽] (same as HIST 15)
- ENGL (2[▽]) (satisfies area if completed Fall 2015- Summer 2027), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9^{GC}, 10^{GC}, 14, 15, 17, 18, 26[▽] (same as HUM 26), 34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 49^{GC}, 50, 51 (same as REL ST 51), 52 (same as REL ST 52), 53, 54, 55[▽] (formerly same as TH ART 7), 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62^{GC}, 63, 64, C1001 (satisfies area if completed Fall 2015- Summer 2027)
- ENVRN 20^{GC} (same as PHILOS 20),
- FILM 5, 6[▽], 7^{GC}, 11 (formerly same as ENGL 11)
- FRENCH 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 9^{GC}, 20^{GC}
- GERMAN 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}
- HEBREW 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}
- HIST 1[▽], 2[▽], 3[▽], 4[▽], 5[▽], 6^{GC}, 10^{GC}, 11[▽], 12[▽], 13[▽], 15[▽] (same as ECON 15), 16[▽], 19[▽], 20[▽], 21[▽], 22[▽], 24[▽], 25^{GC} (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), 26[▽], 28[▽], 29[▽], 33[▽], 34^{GC} (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), (37), 38, 39^{GC} (satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2014 or later), 41[▽], 43[▽], (45), (46), 52[▽], 53, 55[▽], 62[▽]
- HUM 9A, 26 (same as ENGL 26)
- ITAL 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}
- JAPAN 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 9^{GC}
- KOREAN 2^{GC}, 3^{GC} (if taken prior to Fall 2026), 4^{GC}, 9^{GC}
- LING 1^{GC} (satisfies area if completed Fall 2014 or later)
- PERSIN 2^{GC}
- PHILOS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 20^{GC} (same as ENVRN 20), 22, 23, 24, 48[▽] (formerly same as HIST 48), 51[▽] (same as POL SC 51), 52[▽] (same as POL SC 52)
- POL SC 51[▽] (same as PHILOS 51), 52[▽] (same as PHILOS 52)
- REL ST 51 (same as ENGL 51), 52 (same as ENGL 52)
- RUSS 2^{GC}
- SPAN 2^{GC}, 3^{GC}, 4^{GC}, 9^{GC}, 12^{GC}, 20^{GC}

AREA 4 - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES: (6 semester units/8 quarter units) 2 courses selected from 2 Groups:**GROUP 1**

- AD JUS 1

GROUP 2

- ANTHRO 2^{GC}, 3^c, 4^c, 7, 14^{GC}, 19^{GC}, 20, 21^{GC}, 22

GROUP 3

- ASTRON 6^{GC}

GROUP 4

- COM ST 9, 20^{GC}, 30, 31, 35, 36, 37, 38

GROUP 5

- ECE 11^{GC} (*satisfies area if completed Fall 2010 or later*)

GROUP 6

- ECON 1, 2, 4^{GC} (*same as ENVRN 4*), 5^{GC} (*same as GLOBAL 5 and POL SC 5*), 6, 8^{GC} (*same as WGS 8*), 15^V (*same as HIST 15*)
- ENVRN 4^{GC} (*same as ECON 4*)
- GLOBAL 5^{GC} (*same as ECON 5 and POL SC 5*)
- HIST 15^V (*same as ECON 15*)
- POL SC 5^{GC} (*same as ECON 5 and GLOBAL 5*)
- WGS 8^{GC} (*same as ECON 8*)

GROUP 7

- ETH ST 1^V (*satisfies area if completed Fall 2023 or later*), 6, 7, 8, (10), 38

GROUP 8

- GEOG 2, 7^{GC} (*same as ENVRN 7*), 8 (*same as URBAN 8*), 11^{GC} (*same as GLOBAL 11*), 14^{GC}
- ENVRN 7^{GC} (*same as GEOG 7*)
- GLOBAL 11^{GC} (*same as GEOG 11*)
- URBAN 8 (*same as GEOG 8*)

GROUP 9

- GLOBAL 10^{GC}

GROUP 10

- HIST 10^{GC} (*satisfies area if completed Fall 2013 or later*), 11^V (*satisfies area if completed Fall 2013 or later*), 12^V (*satisfies area if completed Fall 2013 or later*), 14^{GC} (*same as ENVRN 14*), 27, 32^{GC} (*same as ENVRN 32*), 42, 47^V, 51, 55^V
- ENVRN 14^{GC} (*same as HIST 14*), 32^{GC} (*same as HIST 32*)

GROUP 11

- MEDIA 1, 3^{GC} (*same as GLOBAL 3*), 4, 10^{GC}
- GLOBAL 3^{GC} (*same as MEDIA 3*)

GROUP 12

- NUTR 7^{GC}

GROUP 13

- PHILOS 48^V

GROUP 14

- POL SC (1) (*see POLS C1000*), 2, 3, 7, 8, 14, 21^{GC}, 22^{GC} (*same as ENVRN 22*), 24, 31, 47, 51^V (*same as PHILOS 51*), 52^V (*same as PHILOS 52*)
- ENVRN 22^{GC} (*same as POL SC 22*)
- PHILOS 51^V (*same as POL SC 51*), 52^V (*same as POL SC 52*)
- POLS C1000 (*formerly POL SC 1*)

GROUP 15

- PSYCH (1) (*see PSYC C1000*), 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 19, 25, 40^{GC} (*satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2011 or later*) (*same as ENVRN 40*)
- PSYC C1000 (*formerly PSYCH 1*)
- ENVRN 40^{GC} (*satisfies GC requirement if completed Fall 2011 or later*) (*same as PSYCH 40*)

GROUP 16

- SOCIOL 1, 1s^{GC}, 2, 2s^{GC}, 4, 12, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34^{GC}

GROUP 17

- SPAN 20^{GC}

GROUP 18

- URBAN 8

GROUP 19

- WGS 10^{GC} (*formerly WOM ST 10*), 20^{GC} (*formerly WOM ST 20*), 30^{GC} (*formerly WOM ST 30*), 40^{GC}
- POL SC 23

AREA 5 - PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES: (7 semester/9 quarter units) 2 courses required
1 course is required from 5A; 1 course is required from 5B. One of the courses from 5A or 5B must include a lab (courses with a laboratory component are designated in 5C and are underlined in lists 5A and 5B):

GROUP 5A - PHYSICAL SCIENCE: 1 course

- ASTRON 1[<], 2[<], 3[<], 4[<], 5, 7 (*satisfies area if completed Fall 2014 or later*), 8, 9, 10 (*same as GEOL 10*)
- CHEM 9^{GC} (*satisfies GC requirement if completed Spring 2013 or later*), 10[<], 11, 12, 19, 21, 22[<], 31 (**Note:** CHEM 9 is a terminal GE course, CHEM 19 is intended for CSU nursing majors and CHEM 10 is for STEM majors)
- GEOG 1[<], 3, 5[<], 12 (*same as GEOL 12*)
- GEOL 1[<], 3, 4[<], 5, 6, 9, 10, (*same as ASTRON 10*) 12 (*same as GEOG 12*), 31, 32
- PHYSICS 6[<], 7[<], 8[<], 9[<], 12[<], 14[<], 21[<], 22[<], 23[<]

GROUP 5B - BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE: 1 course required

- ANATMY 1, 2
- ANTHRO 1[<], 5[<], 9, 11
- BIOL 2, 3, 9^{GC}, 10^{GC}, 15^{GC}, 15N[<], 21, 22, 23
- BOTANY 1
- MCRBIO 1
- PHYS 3
- PSYCH 2
- ZOOL 5

GROUP 5 - SCIENCE COURSES WITH LABORATORY COMPONENT: 1 course required, but may also be satisfied by underlined courses in Group 5A or 5B)

- ANATMY 1, 2
- ANTHRO 5
- ASTRON 3, 4
- BIOL 3, 10^{GC}, 15^{GC}, 21, 22, 23
- BOTANY 1
- CHEM 9^{GC}, 10, 11, 12, 19, 21, 31 (**Note:** CHEM 9 is a terminal GE course, CHEM 19 is intended for CSU nursing majors and CHEM 10 is for STEM majors)
- GEOG 5, 12 (*same as GEOL 12*)
- GEOL 4, 5, 6, 12 (*same as GEOG 12*), 32
- MCRBIO 1
- PHYS 3
- PHYSICS 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 21, 22, 23
- ZOOL 5

AREA 6 - ETHNIC STUDIES: (3 semester/4 quarter units) 1 course

ETH ST 1, 7

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.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU): U.S. HISTORY, CONSTITUTION, AND AMERICAN IDEAS (AI) REQUIREMENT

The CSU U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals (AI) graduation requirement is not part of Cal-GETC. A course used to satisfy this requirement may also be listed and applied to Cal-GETC Subject Areas. CCCs may certify completion of the CSU graduation requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals. CSU campuses have the discretion on whether to allow courses not certified by CCC to satisfy the CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals graduation requirement to also count for GE.

US GROUP 1:

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

US GROUP 2 AND 3:

- POL SC (1) (*see POLS C1000*)
- POLS C1000 (*formerly POL SC 1*)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA: LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH

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 Santa Monica College in the same language.

APPLYING NON-SMC COURSEWORK TO CAL-GETC

A summary of requirements for CAL-GETC certification of non-SMC courses:

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 ASSIST.org for college Cal-GETC lists).
3. Coursework from other U.S. regionally accredited institutions may be used on Cal-GETC. Coursework may be evaluated by a counselor.
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.
7. All courses that meet Cal-GETC requirements are completed by the end of the semester that the student is petitioning for certification.