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(5 CCR § 40401)

An undergraduate student remaining in attendance* in regular sessions at any CSU campus, at any California Community College (CCC), or any combination of CCC and CSU campuses may for purposes of meeting graduation requirements elect to meet the requirements in effect at the campus from which the student will graduate either

1. at the time the student began such attendance, or
2. at the time of entrance to the campus, or
3. at the time of graduation.

Campus authorities may authorize or require substitutions for discontinued courses.

**Attendance means enrollment in at least one semester or two quarters each academic year.*

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A note about semester and quarter units for GE

- For courses, 3 semester units are equivalent to 4 quarter units.
- For the laboratory, 1 semester unit is equivalent to 1 quarter unit.

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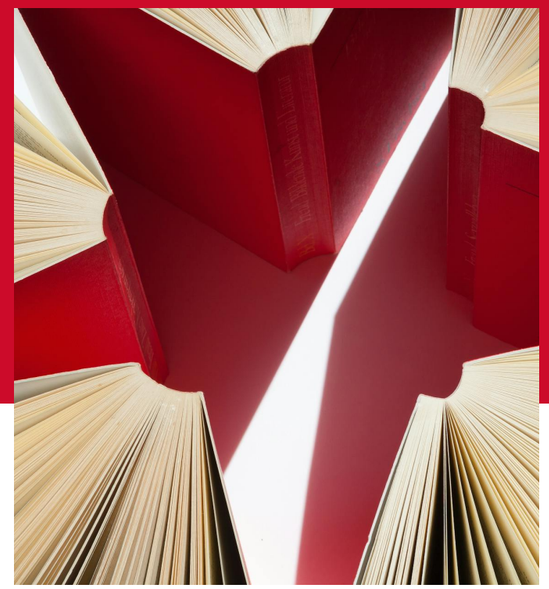
GENERAL EDUCATION

California State University



GE Crosswalk

Comparison of GE categories for:

- **CSU GE Breadth (Fall 2021 to Summer 2025)**
- **CSU GE Requirements (Fall 2025 and beyond)**
- **Cal-GETC (Fall 2025 and beyond)**

CSU GE Breadth
Fall 2021 to Summer 2025

LOWER-DIVISION (39-40 units)

Area A Communication in the English Language and Critical Thinking

- A1 Oral Communication (3 units)
- A2 Written Communication (3 units)
- A3 Critical Thinking (3 units)

Area B Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning

- B1 Physical Science (3 units)
- B2 Life Science (3 units)
- B3 Laboratory Activity (0 - 1 unit)
- B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (3 units)

Area C Arts and Humanities

- C1 Arts (3 units)
- C2 Humanities (3 units)
- Additional C1 or C2 (3 units)

Area D Social Sciences ^

- Two courses (6 units)

Area E Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (3 units)

Area F Ethnic Studies

- One course (3 units)

UPPER-DIVISION (9 units)

- Upper-division B Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (3 units)
- Upper-division C Arts or Humanities (3 units)
- Upper-division D Social Sciences ^ (3 units)

^ Two different disciplines across the 9 units in Area D.

CSU GE
Fall 2025 and Beyond

LOWER-DIVISION (34 units)

Subject Area 1 English Communication

- 1A English Composition (3 units)
- 1B Critical Thinking (3 units)
- 1C Oral Communication (3 units)

Subject Area 2 Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning

- One course (3 units)

Subject Area 3 Arts and Humanities

- 3A Arts (3 units)
- 3B Humanities (3 units)

Subject Area 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences ^

- Two courses (6 units)

Subject Area 5 Physical and Biological Sciences

- 5A Physical Science (3 units)
- 5B Biological Science (3 units)
- 5C Laboratory (1 unit)--*May be embedded in 5A or 5B course, as long as 7 units met for lower-division Subject Area 5.*

Subject Area 6 Ethnic Studies

- One course (3 units)

UPPER-DIVISION (9 units)

- Upper-division 5 Science or 2 Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning (3 units)
- Upper-division 3 Arts or Humanities (3 units)
- Upper-division 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences ^ (3 units)

^ Two different disciplines across the 9 units in Area 4.

Cal-GETC*
Fall 2025 and Beyond

LOWER-DIVISION (34 units)

Subject Area 1 English Communication

- 1A English Composition (3 units)
- 1B Critical Thinking and Composition (3 units)
- 1C Oral Communication (3 units)

Subject Area 2 Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning

- One course (3 units)

Subject Area 3 Arts and Humanities

- 3A Arts (3 units)
- 3B Humanities (3 units)

Subject Area 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences

- Two courses, two different disciplines (6 units)

Subject Area 5 Physical and Biological Sciences

- 5A Physical Science (3 units)
- 5B Biological Science (3 units)
- 5C Laboratory (1 unit)--*May be embedded in 5A or 5B course, as long as 7 units met for lower-division Subject Area 5.*

Subject Area 6 Ethnic Studies

- One course (3 units)

***Cal-GETC** is the lower-division transfer pattern for California Community College students transferring to the CSU or the UC.

Note: Nine units of upper-division GE are required of Cal-GETC-certified students after transferring to a CSU campus.