

CSU General Education/Breadth Requirements

Since 1981, the California State University (CSU) has required that a minimum of 48 semester units of general education courses completed before a baccalaureate would be awarded. These units may be certified by a community college.

In order to facilitate the transfer of West Valley College students who plan to attend a CSU campus, evaluation of general requirements may include previously completed courses from other institutions as well as courses completed at West Valley College. Courses completed at other institutions must be evaluated by the Records Office. It is the student's responsibility to provide: (a) an official copy of his/her transcripts; and (b) submit and accept one or more completed AREAS.

- x It is advisable to complete the lower division major preparation courses required by the CSU ASSIST.org for more information.
- x Advanced Placement test scores of 3 or better can be used to clear one general education requirement per exam. Please see the AP chart in the West Valley College catalog.

Note: There are instances when a WVC course is approved for CSU GE but the same course at Mission College is NOT approved for the same CSU GE (or vice versa). Use ASSIST. View the CSU GE list for the school you are enrolled to confirm CSU GE applicability.

General Education/Breadth Requirements Summary

West Valley A.A./A.S. Degree General

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

IGETC is a series of courses that community college students can use to satisfy lower division general education requirements on campus. IGETC is an alternative to the CSU and local UC General Education Breadth. Many private universities also recognize IGETC for fulfillment of general education requirements. IGETC is a good option for the student who intends to transfer but is undecided about a major and/or unsure about attending CSU or UC. Some universities do not accept IGETC. Always consult a counselor when developing an educational plan.

- x A grade of "C" or better in at least 2 years of the same foreign language in high school will clear the LOTE (Language Other Than English) area.
- x CSU transfers need complete the (LOTE) Language Other Than English requirement.
- x UC transfers need complete the Oral Communication requirement (Area 1, Group C).
- x Advanced Placement test scores of 3 or better are used to clear one course requirement per exam. Please start in the West Valley College catalog. The area in IGETC where AP scores are not appropriate, the second composition/critical thinking course. UC transfers who will not complete the IGETC are strongly encouraged to consult a counselor about campus specific provisions for AP credit.
- x It is recommended that CSU transfers complete the "U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals" requirement. Information on those courses can be found on the CSU GE Breadth sheet.
- x Completion of the IGETC is not an admission requirement for transfer to a CSU or UC, nor is it the only way to fulfill the general education requirements prior to transfer. Students may find it advantageous to take courses fulfilling the general education requirements or breadth requirements of a particular CSU or UC (See Counselor)
- x Certification - For students completing IGETC, the pattern should be completed to obtain certification prior to transfer. While it is not advisable, students missing up to two courses may request a partial certification. It is the student's responsibility to request certification.
- x For UC campuses only, some colleges or schools do not accept the IGETC to complete fulfillment of lower division breadth. The IGETC is not recommended for some majors, engineering, computer science, the biological/physical sciences, and other high unit lower division major prep. See chart below. Please talk to your counselor about your major and your target UC campus. (S.F.C. 4-3 (a)-(f)) (C.F. 4.9 (a)-(g)) (U.C. 5.3 (a)-(p))

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