
Chapter IV: Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum

The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) is a comprehensive pattern of courses prospective transfer students from the California Community Colleges may complete to satisfy lower-division General Education requirements at both the University of California and the California State University. The IGETC was developed in 1991 to simplify transfer for California Community College students.

Students have the option of completing the IGETC, **or** the specific lower-division General Education-Breadth requirements of the school or campus they plan to attend. The IGETC must be **fully completed** prior to transfer.

The IGETC is not an admission requirement, and completion of IGETC does not guarantee admission to the campus or program of choice. The IGETC will be most helpful to students who wish to keep their options open—those who know they want to transfer but have not decided upon a particular institution, campus, or major.

Certain students, however, are not well served by following the IGETC. Students who intend to transfer into high-unit majors, or those majors that require extensive lower-division preparation such as Engineering, should concentrate on completing the prerequisites for the major that a particular college may use to select a student for admission.

The California State University and the University of California have developed an agreement with each California Community College that specifies the community college courses that may be used to satisfy requirements of each area of the IGETC. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. A grade of "Credit" or "Pass" may be used, if the community college's grading policy states that "Credit" or "Pass" is equivalent to a grade of "C" or better.

IGETC course credit may be earned for the acceptable scores of 3, 4, or 5 on Advanced Placement Examinations (AP) that the community college faculty recognize as being equivalent to one of its IGETC approved courses. Only **one course** can be cleared by one test with an acceptable score. An acceptable score on an English AP test may be used to meet the English composition requirement only. An AP test cannot be used to satisfy the requirement for a Critical Thinking-English Composition course.

A single community college course may be listed on the IGETC course agreement under more than one subject area; however, it may be used only **once** to satisfy any IGETC subject area.

Students who transfer to a CSU campus and wish to complete the CSU Graduation requirement in U. S. History, Constitution and American Ideals, should be advised that these courses will not "double count" for this graduation requirement **and** Area 4. It is strongly recommended that CSU bound students complete the CSU Graduation requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals **first**, and then certify courses **other** than those used for this requirement, for IGETC Area 4.

California Community Colleges may certify coursework completed at other California Community Colleges, provided that coursework is on the approved IGETC list of the campus where it was taken.

As a general rule, the IGETC can be certified for California Community College transfer students who have also completed transferable coursework at a college or university other than a California Community College, if the community college faculty determine that the coursework from the other college or university is equivalent to coursework on their own college's approved list. Inclusion of appropriate general education courses completed at regionally accredited institutions should be routine. It is expected, however, that a student will have completed most of the transfer units at one or more California Community Colleges. If there is any question regarding the use of IGETC for a student who has recently been enrolled in a regular session at a CSU or UC campus, the student should contact the university he or she wishes to attend for clarification of its campus policy. Since it is unlikely that institutions outside of California offer the specified Critical Thinking-English Composition course, certification of coursework from out-of-state institutions to satisfy this requirement is not encouraged.

Certification of IGETC completion is the responsibility of the last California Community College the student attended in regular session prior to transfer.

Students who do not fully complete the IGETC before transfer will be required to satisfy the specific lower-division General Education-Breadth requirements of the CSU or UC school, college, or campus they attend.

Eleanor Roosevelt and Revelle Colleges at UC San Diego do not accept the IGETC. Students who complete the IGETC should enroll in either John Muir, Thurgood Marshall, or Earl Warren College at UCSD. Since all majors are open to students in each college at UCSD, students who opt for the IGETC are not restricted in their choice of major.

The California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California have jointly published a series of informative "**IGETC Notes**" that contain comprehensive guidelines and details about the certification of coursework and implementation procedures for the IGETC.

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