

California State University GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER CERTIFICATION

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NOTE: CSU transfer admission requirements include the completion of 56 transferable units (**60 beginning Fall 2005**) with a 2.0 or better GPA and 30 units of general education courses with "C" or better grades, including English composition, speech, critical thinking, and mathematics. **Liberal Studies majors should NOT use this sheet – use the Liberal Studies Blended Program sheet instead.** See a counselor regularly for current information and assistance as you plan your program.

To also earn an A.A. Degree at Fresno City College, students must complete 60 total units and the following: (1) HLTH 1 **OR** CHDEV/PSY 38 **OR** PSY 2/2H **OR** PSY 33, (2) Two PE courses and, (3) The Computer Literacy Requirement.

Legend: **Needed, In Progress, Taken**

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Area A: Communication in the English Language and Critical Thinking: <i>Nine (9) units, minimum,</i> with one course from each of the following areas: Area Completed <input type="checkbox"/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oral Communication: SPEECH 1, 2, 4, 8 2. Written Communication: ENGL 1A or 1AH 3. Critical Thinking: CRIM 13; ENGL 3, 3H; PHIL 4, 6; POLSCI 13; SPEECH 25 			
Area B: Physical Universe and its Life Forms: <i>Nine (9) units, minimum,</i> with one course from each of the following areas: (at least one course must have a lab) <input type="checkbox"/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physical Science: ASTRO 10; CHEM 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, 8A, 28A/29A, 28B/29B; GEOG 1, 7, 8; GEOL 1, 2; PHYSC 11; PHYS 2A, 2B, 4A, 4B, 4C 2. Biological Science: BIOL 1 or 1H, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 20, 22, 24, 31 4. Mathematics: DS/MATH +21, DS 23; CSCI 20, 26, 40, 41; MATH 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6, 10A, 10B, 11, 26, 45; MATH/PSY 42 			
Area C: Arts, Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Languages: <i>Nine (9) units, minimum,</i> with at least one (1) course in the Arts and one (1) in the Humanities: <input type="checkbox"/> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arts (Art, Dance, Music, Theatre) AFRAM 3, 8, 13, 15, 42, 49; AMIND 35; ARCH (10 and 20) or (11 and 30 or 20); ART 2, 3, 4, 5/5H, 6/6H, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, 14, 15, 17, 22A, 35, 45, 55, 65; CLS 20; DANCE 20A, 30, DANCE/CLS +17, +27; FILM 1, 2A, 2B; MUS 3, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 32, 39, 40, 46; PHOTO 5, 10, 15, 20; SPEECH 12 or TA 12; TA 30, 41, 43, 44 2. Humanities (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Languages) AFRAM 17; ASL 1, 2, 3, 4; ARMEN 1, 2, 3; CLS 21; CHIN 1, 2; ENGL 1B or 1BH, 12, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 40, 42, 44A, 44B, 45, 46A, 46B, 48A, 48B; FILM 1, 2A, 2B; FRENCH 1, 2, 3, 4; GERMAN 1, 2, 3, 4; HIST 1, 1H, 2, 2H; HMONG 1, 2; HUMAN 10, 11; JAPAN 1, 2; LING 10; PHIL 1A or 1AH, 1B, 1C, 1D, 5; RUSS 1, 2, 3, 4; SPAN 1, 2, 3, 3NS, 4, 4NS, 5, 6, 7; SWAHLI 1/AFRAM +21, SWAHLI 2/AFRAM +22; TA 31, 32, 33 			
Area D: Social, Political, and Economic Institutions and Behavior; Historical background: <i>Nine (9) units, minimum, from at least three disciplines.</i> The CSU requires POLSCI 2 and HIST 11 or 12. Choose the third course from a discipline other than HIST (Sub-area D6) or POLSCI (Sub-area D8). <input type="checkbox"/> <p>POLSCI 2</p> <p>HIST 11 or 12</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ANTHRO 2 or 2H, 3 2. ECON 1A, 1AH, 1B, 1BH 3. AFRAM 1; AMIND 31, 34; ASAMER 1, 15; CLS 11, 12 4. WSTS 10 5. GEOG 2, 4A, 4B 6. AFRAM 4; CLS 29; HIST 1 or 1H, 2 or 2H, 15, 29 7. AMST 10 8. POLSCI 1, 5, 20; BA 20 9. PSY 2, 2H; PSY 38/CHDEV 38; PSY 39/CHDEV 39 10. HS 2, 10; SOC 1A, 2, 10, 32 (CSU Fresno will also accept ANTH 1 & 4; CLS/SOC 14, HIST 20; JOURN 1, SOC 1B) 			
Area E: Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development: <i>Three (3) units minimum.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <p>CHDEV 38/PSY 38; HLTH 1; PSY 2 or 2H, 33 (CSU Fresno will also accept ART 3 & 4; BA 30; FN 35; HS 10; PSY 25; REC 23; SOC 10; TA 41)</p>			

NOTES:

1. A course can be counted in **only one area** or sub-area.
2. + The same course, e.g., **SWAHLI 1/AFRAM 21**, can be counted only once.
3. Students may not elect CR/NC graded coursework to satisfy major, major G.E., or major additional requirements unless the course has been designated CR/NC only.

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MOST OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the California State University (CSU) General Education (GE) Requirement?

The CSU GE requirement is a pattern of course work that fulfills one of the requirements for earning a bachelor's degree from the California State University. The GE-breadth requirement calls for the completion of a minimum of 48 semester units of general education course work. As many as 39 of these lower division units may be completed at a community college. At least nine units must be taken at the Cal State upper division level after transfer.

2. What does it mean to have your General Education certified?

The CSU GE Certification insures that all CSU campuses will count the courses where they are in the FCC CSU GE Pattern, regardless of where those courses are in the CSU campus' GE pattern.

3. When do I request General Education CERTIFICATION?

You must REQUEST CSU GE CERTIFICATION at the time you order your FINAL transcripts at the admissions office before transferring to a CSU campus.

4. Is the General Education pattern an admission requirement?

No. The General Education pattern is not an admission requirement but it is one of a number of CSU requirements for earning a bachelor's degree. Community college students are advised to complete at least 39 lower division units of the requirement in addition to the preparation for the major.

5. What is the CSU transfer admission requirement?

Students who were eligible to enter the CSU as freshman (based on the CSU high school course pattern and eligibility index) may transfer any time as long as they have a cumulative college GPA of 2.0 or better. Students who were not CSU eligible out of high school must complete a total of 60* transferable units (2.0 or better GPA), including the speech, English, critical thinking and math requirements ("C" or better grade in each course), and six additional GE requirements with "C's" in each course.

6. Is it advisable for all CSU transfer students to follow the GE-Certified Plan?

Most should, but students pursuing majors that require extensive lower division major preparation such as ENGINEERING may find that the full CSU General Education pattern is not required. Consult the CSU catalog or the CSU department.

7. What if I don't complete the entire General Education prior to enrolling at a CSU?

If the GE Plan is not completed and CERTIFIED prior to transfer, students must meet the lower division general education requirements **of the areas not certified** for the CSU campus to which they transfer. This means that students may be required to take additional GE classes because the courses required are slightly different.

8. Is a minimum grade in all General Education courses required?

Students must have a "C" or better in English, speech, critical thinking, and math and six additional GE courses with "C's" or better. (See #5 above) Courses with a grade of "D" in other areas are acceptable provided that the student has a cumulative 2.0 or higher GPA. Most departments require

a "C" or better in all courses, including GE, required in the major.

9. Will "double counting" be allowed where the same course meets a GE requirement and is also required as preparation for the major?

Double counting is usually not permitted unless allowed by the CSU major department. The CSU Fresno catalog shows courses that may be double counted as "GE Requirements" or "Additional Requirements" to the major. Students must consult the FCC Major Sheets and the specific CSU Catalog for information.

10. Are credit/no credit courses acceptable?

Credit/No Credit (pass/fail) grading is acceptable for CSU GE, as long as a "C" or better grade must be earned for the credit or pass grade.

11. Must the entire General Education pattern be completed in order for a student to be certified?

No. Although students are advised to complete all 39 General Education units and the U.S. History and Government requirement for FULL CERTIFICATION, students can request a "partial certification" which will include all General Education areas completed.

12. Do you need an Associate (AA or AS) degree to transfer?

No. You do not need an associate degree to transfer, HOWEVER, with a little planning with your counselor and a few additional courses not part of the CSU GE Pattern, you can meet all the transfer requirements and also be eligible for an Associate in Arts Degree.

Students completing a Fresno City College Associate Degree Program will generally not be eligible to transfer as CSU transfer admission requirements are significantly greater (see #5 above).

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