

FOOTHILL COLLEGE

GENERAL EDUCATION OPTIONS FOR TRANSFER

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General Education for Transfer to
California State Universities and to UC/CSU *via the*
CSU GE/Breadth and the Intersegmental General Education
Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) patterns

Major preparation and General Education should be completed prior to transfer.

See a counselor!

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Foothill College transfer students have three options for completing their lower division general education requirements. It is important for students to carefully examine each of the options and choose the one that is best for their educational plans. Foothill College counselors can help students select the best option. Listed below are the two primary choices for general education: The CSU General Education/Breadth pattern and the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (commonly called IGETC) pattern. The third option is the specific general education pattern for each university. Few transfer students select this option because it is more limited and fulfills requirements for that campus only. For more information about campus-specific general education requirements, either visit <http://www.assist.org> or see a counselor.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Remember: General education is only part of the transfer plan. Students should complete most or all of the lower division major preparation courses in order to be competitive in the university selection process. This is especially true for transfer to UC campuses and to impacted CSU programs. For high-unit majors such as engineering and the biological sciences, completion of lower division major preparation courses is more important than general education.



Transfer planning should begin as soon as possible. See a counselor to develop an individualized educational plan for completion of all lower division major and general education requirements.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION/BREADTH PATTERN

Advantages:

- Students can obtain certification for partial completion of the general education pattern.
- A “D” grade may be used for some GE courses if students have a cumulative “C” average in all general education courses.
- The CSU American History/Government graduation requirement may be double-counted with general education courses.

But remember:

- The CSU GE pattern will not satisfy requirements for the University of California (UC).

Recommended for:

- Students who have definite plans to transfer to a CSU campus.

INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM PATTERN (IGETC)

Advantage:

- Flexibility! IGETC will satisfy general education requirements for all CSU and most UC campuses.

But remember:

- Generally, the entire pattern must be completed before transferring in order to obtain certification. Under certain verified hardship situations, students may request a partial certification of IGETC. A counselor can provide information regarding *IGETC-After-Transfer*.
- To utilize IGETC for a UC campus, students must either complete two years of foreign language in a high school or the second quarter of an approved foreign language at Foothill (with a grade of C or better).
- UC professional schools such as Revelle and Eleanor Roosevelt at UCSD, the School of Business at UC Berkeley, and the Colleges of Engineering at UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, UC Berkeley, and UCLA will not accept IGETC. Also, IGETC is not recommended for optometry, nursing, creative studies, and natural and agricultural science majors.

Recommended for:

- Students transferring to a UC campus (see exceptions above).
- Students who are applying to both UC and CSU campuses.

REMEMBER TO REQUEST CERTIFICATION OF YOUR GENERAL EDUCATION PATTERN!