

GENERAL EDUCATION
OPTIONS FOR TRANSFER
2023-2024



FOOTHILL
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General Education for Transfer to
**California State University &
University of California**

General Education Option for Transfer

Foothill College transfer students have three options for completing their lower division General Education (GE) requirements: **CSU General Education/Breadth (CSU GE)**, **Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)**, and **Campus Specific General Education**. 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. The CSU GE and IGETC patterns are the two primary choices for general education. Few transfer students will select the Campus Specific GE option because it is limited and fulfills requirements for a selected campus only. For more information about campus-specific general education requirements please access [assist.org](https://www.foothill.edu/assist) and see a counselor.

IMPORTANT

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

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION/BREADTH PATTERN (CSU GE)

Recommended for:

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

Advantages

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

Keep in Mind

- The CSU GE pattern is not designed to satisfy requirements for the University of California (UC).
- Completion of the CSU GE Breadth pattern is not a guarantee of admission into a university.

INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM PATTERN (IGETC)

Recommended for:

- Students transferring to a UC campus (*see exception below)
- Students who are applying to both UC and CSU campuses.

Advantages

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

Keep in Mind

- All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher (C- is not acceptable). Grades of "credit" or "pass" are acceptable providing the grade designation is equivalent to a grade of C or higher
- The entire pattern should be completed before transferring in order to obtain a full certification.
- Students missing up to two courses may request a partial certification of IGETC.
 - It is the student's responsibility to work with the counselor at the university to find out how to complete missing IGETC requirements.
 - Students transferring to the College of Letters and Science at UC Berkeley must complete IGETC in its entirety!
- Students must 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 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.
- IGETC is not recommended for optometry, nursing, creative studies, and natural and agricultural science majors.
- Completion of IGETC GE does not guarantee admission into a university.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 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.
- For high-unit majors such as engineering and the biological sciences, completion of lower division major preparation courses is more important than general education.
- Many private or out-of-state colleges may accept IGETC or CSU GE in lieu of their GE pattern.

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CSU and UC Transfer Info



GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

GE Certification means that Foothill College has verified that a student has completed lower-division GE requirements listed in each subject area. It is important, because without it, students will be held accountable to the GE requirements specific to the UC or CSU campus to which they are transferring (which typically involves additional lower-division coursework). Once a student is certified the UC or CSU campus will identify the student as having completed the lower-division GE requirements. Students should note that additional upper-division general education courses may still be required at some institutions after transfer (CSU's require 9 semester units of upper division GE).

It is the student's responsibility to request GE certification during finals week of the last quarter of attendance at Foothill prior to transfer. The certification will be mailed to the students' transfer institution. Certification petitions are available online. Please use the following link: [GE Certification Request](#)

REMEMBER

- Request certification of your General Education Pattern before transfer. You will earn a Certificate of Achievement in Transfer Studies CSU or IGETC. The Certificate of Achievement will be noted on your official transcript.

TRANSFER CREDIT FROM OTHER SCHOOLS

California Community Colleges

- Courses will receive credit for CSU or IGETC GE. Courses will be applied in the subject area in which they were listed by the institution.

United States Regionally Accredited Institutions

- Coursework can also be used as long as they were regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or other equivalent regional accrediting body. Each course must be deemed equivalent to a course on any California Community College's approved GE course list.

Foreign coursework

- Coursework from non-US regionally, accredited institutions may not be used.

Transcript Evaluations requests are available online at the [Evaluation Office Website](#).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS FOR CSU & IGETC GE

If you have earned a score of 3, 4 or 5 on an Advanced Placement Exam (AP) and would like to receive credit for IGETC and CSU GE, please follow the steps below:

1. Request your official AP scores from College Board at [AP College Board](#) and send an official report to Foothill College Admissions and Records
2. Refer to the [Foothill College Course Catalog](#) for general education credit and usage of AP exams. Local AP credit will vary based on the exam and score. There is no limit to the number of AP credit used
3. Consult with your Foothill College Counselor and discuss how AP credits will fit into your educational plan for Transfer.



COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM

Students are required to complete a minimum of 90 transferable units to transfer to a UC or CSU. These 90 units are composed of GE and MAJOR (elective coursework might apply depending on the major). Classes numbered 1-49 are transferable to the UC systems; classes numbered 1-99 are transferable to the CSU systems

TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG)

Foothill College students can get guaranteed admission to a selected UC, CSU and private colleges. Students need to fulfill certain requirements and deadlines. A complete list of guaranteed admission programs and participating colleges is available at [Transfer Center Website](#)



PRIORITY FILING PERIODS FOR UC & CSU

University of California www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply		California State University https://www2.calstate.edu/apply	
UC	Send Application	CSU	Send Application
Winter Quarter	*July 1-31	Winter Quarter	*June 1-30
Spring Quarter	*October 1-31	Spring Semester/Quarter	*August 1-31
Fall Semester/Quarter	November 1-30	Fall Semester/Quarter	October 1-November 30

*Verify if campus is accepting applications

New Requirement: AREA 7- Ethnic Studies

Area 7 – Ethnic Studies is a new requirement starting Fall 2023 on IGETC. Students beginning at Foothill College in Fall 2023 or after will be required to complete one course in Area 7 – Ethnic Studies if they are using IGETC. As a result of this new requirement, students will only need to complete two courses (8-10 quarter units) from Area 4. Continuing students with catalog rights prior to Fall 2023 are not required to complete an Area 7 course, but instead will need to complete three courses (12-15 quarter units) in Area 4. Please note that Area 7 was created to mirror CSUGE’s Area F. It is highly recommended that students pursuing transfer to a CSU campus complete an Ethnic Studies course prior to transfer.

IGETC AREA	PRIOR to Fall 2023	Beginning Fall 2023
Area 4- Social & Behavioral Sciences	3 Courses (12-15 quarter units)	2 Courses (8-10 quarter units)
Area 7- Ethnic Studies	None	1 Course (4 quarter units)



When beginning your transfer planning, it is important that you meet with a counselor to help you develop an education plan in order to determine the appropriate general education pattern and major preparation courses you need to achieve your academic goals. Students are also encouraged to use assist.org as a transfer planning tool in consultation with your counselor. Please review both transfer general education patterns to see which pattern is the correct fit for you. The IGETC pattern is applicable to both UC and CSU campuses. The CSU GE pattern is applicable to CSU campuses only. Once you complete the IGETC or CSUGE pattern, make sure to apply to certify your IGETC or CSU GE by petitioning for certification with a counselor.