

GENERAL EDUCATION
OPTIONS FOR TRANSFER
2025-2026



FOOTHILL
COLLEGE

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

General Education Option for Transfer

Foothill College transfer students beginning in Fall 2025 have two options for completing their lower division General Education (GE) requirements: **California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) and Campus Specific General Education**. It is important for students to carefully examine both options and choose the one that is best suited for their educational plans. Foothill College counselors can help students select the best option for you. The Cal-GETC pattern is the singular transfer general education pathway for students who are looking to have their lower-division general education requirements certified and students who are interested in obtaining an ADT. **Important note: Students who begin in Fall 2025 or after will need to follow the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) as CSU GE Breadth and IGETC will no longer be an option after Summer 2025.** Please note that students who begin in Summer 2025 or a previous term and have maintained catalog rights through continuous enrollment can still use the CSUGE Breadth or the IGETC pattern. 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 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 GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM PATTERN (Cal-GETC)

Recommended for:

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

Advantages

- Cal-GETC 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 needs to be completed in order to obtain a full certification.
 - ✓ Any student who plans to earn an ADT will need to have a full Cal-GETC certification prior to transferring.
- *UC schools such as the Hass School of Business at UC Berkeley, and the College of Engineering at UC Berkeley, will not accept Cal-GETC. Please visit the [UC Campus Guidance](#) page to see what UC schools accept/do not accept IGETC. Once Cal-GETC information has been included, we will update the link.
- Completion of Cal-GETC does not guarantee admission into a university.
- The Cal-GETC pattern will incorporate Common Course Numbering (CCN) courses as Fall 2025 is the first time that CCN courses will appear.

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 Cal-GETC in lieu of their GE pattern.
- The CSU American Institutions (CSU AI) is a graduation requirement for the CSU system and is not a requirement for Cal-GETC. The CSU AI can be fulfilled prior to transfer.
- Language Other Than English (LOTE) is not a requirement for Cal-GETC. Instead, LOTE is a UC graduation requirement. LOTE can be fulfilled prior to transfer.



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 for Cal-GETC. This 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 Cal-GETC, if applicable. Courses will be applied in the subject area in which they were listed by the sending institution.

United States Regionally Accredited Institutions

- Coursework can also be used for Cal-GETC as long as an institution was regionally accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or any other ICAS approved accreditor. Each course must be deemed equivalent to a course on any California Community College's approved GE course list.

International 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 Cal-GETC

If you have earned a score of 3, 4 or 5 on an Advanced Placement Exam (AP) and would like to receive credit for Cal-GETC, 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	*July 1-31	Spring Semester/Quarter	*August 1-31
Fall Semester/Quarter	October 1- November 30	Summer Semester/Quarter	*February 1-28
		Fall Semester/Quarter	October 1- December 1

*Verify if campus is accepting applications

TRANSFER GE PATTERN CHART

Transfer GE Pattern	Begin Summer 2025 or earlier	Begin Fall 2025 or later	Notes
Cal-GETC	NO	YES	Transfer students who begin Fall 2025 or later (or returning students who have lost catalog rights due to not maintaining continuous enrollment) will need to follow the Cal-GETC pattern.
IGETC	YES	NO	Transfer students who begin in Summer 2025 will be able to follow the IGETC pattern. Note for students interested in transferring specifically to the UC, continuous enrollment is not a requirement for the UC.
CSUGE Breadth	YES	NO	Transfer students who begin Summer 2025 will be able to follow the CSUGE Breadth pattern given students maintain their catalog rights through continuous enrollment.

SUMMARY

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 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 the Cal-GETC pattern to become aware of the general education areas required for certification. The Cal-GETC pattern is applicable to both UC and CSU campuses. Once you complete the Cal-GETC pattern, make sure to apply for Cal-GETC certification by petitioning with a counselor. **As a reminder, beginning in Fall 2025 the singular transfer general education pattern known as the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC), will be the only transfer GE pattern available to students who start in Fall 2025 or later.** Students who have catalog rights by maintaining continuous enrollment at Foothill may choose to stay on the IGETC or CSU GE Breadth pattern.