

CSU Requirement -Ethnic Studies -FAQ's

1. What is the new Ethnic Studies requirement?

CSU has created a new general education area, effective Fall 2021, now known as Area F, Ethnic Studies. Students will be required to complete one three-unit course in this category. Although approved for two GE areas, this course *cannot* count for both GE areas. This course *can* double count with a course approved for the American Institutions requirement. This requirement cannot be waived or substituted.

2. How does it change the CSU-GE pattern?

Area D has been reduced to two three- unit courses in the Social Sciences and Area F will require one three- unit course. The two courses in Area D can come from the same discipline but the upper-division GE requirement completed after transfer will then require a GE course from a different discipline.

3. Which students must meet this requirement?

All students beginning under catalog year Fall 2021, following the CSU-GE pattern at a CSU or California community college campus.

4. Which students are exempt from this requirement?

Any students who began and maintained continuous enrollment at a CCC or CSU before Fall 2021 and enter the CSU with full CSU-GE certification.

For students that attended a CCC, stopped out and did not maintain continuous enrollment: If a transcript indicates completion of any of the following, the student is **NOT** required to complete a course in Ethnic Studies prior to graduation:

- Conferral of an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
- Fully CSU GE Breadth certified
- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) certified JB 10/26/21

5. How does the CSU define “continuous enrollment”?

Continuous enrollment is defined as attendance in at least one semester per calendar year at a CSU or CCC or a combination of the two.

6. Do Continuing students from non- California community colleges have catalog rights to be exempt from the Area F requirement?

No, the concept of “continuing” is only applicable to students that have been governed by Title 5 for all courses completed on the CSU-GE pattern.

7. Can a student be exempt from Area F requirement if a student began at MiraCosta prior to F21, left MiraCosta and had continuous enrollment at another CCC, then returned to MiraCosta?

Yes, because they have continuing enrollment at a CCC or CCC's prior to Fall 2021.

8. What if the student completed a CSU-GE course during high school?

A high school student dually enrolled prior to Fall 2021, who attends a community college in Fall 2021 or after, and plans to transfer to a CSU

campus-will be held to the Area F requirement. The CSU considers this student an “undergraduate” admit, with no previous catalog rights.

9. Do students transferring after Fall 2021 have to be CSU-GE certified to be exempt from the Ethnic Studies requirement?

Yes

10. Can a student complete the Ethnic Studies requirement after transferring?

Yes, this is not an admission requirement. However, some campuses will require full certification to be admitted. Where it can be completed will be at the discretion of the CSU campus.

11. Does IGETC require Ethnic Studies?

The IGETC pattern will not change for the 2021-2022 academic year

12. How will students using IGETC with no Ethnic Studies requirement satisfy this requirement?

They will be given direction by their respective transfer campus and will be required to meet this requirement if graduating in academic year 2024-2025 or after.

13. When will IGETC include an Ethnic Studies requirement?

The CSU Chancellor’s Office is waiting for final concurrence from the UC on a proposed change to IGETC that includes a new Area 7: Ethnic Studies; it is expected to be approved for Fall 2022. **Fall 2023 JB 7/30/23**

14. What are the criteria for courses to qualify for this requirement?

To be approved for this requirement, courses shall have the following course prefixes: African American, Asian American, Latina/o American or Native American Studies. Similar course prefixes (e.g., Pan-African Studies, American Indian Studies, Chicana/o Studies, Ethnic Studies) shall also meet this requirement. Courses that are approved to meet this requirement shall meet at least 3 of the 5 the following core competencies found at this link:

<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/8919100/latest/>

15. How do we handle “pass along” courses from out of state or private universities that do not have an Ethnic Studies prefix, but the content focuses exclusively on one of the approved populations?

Evaluators will review courses as normal, based on the description and request a syllabus if needed. **Pass Along’s must meet the Core Competency criteria, it is unlikely courses can be approved without syllabus review. Pass Along will be rare. JB 7/30/23**

16. Will the CSU-GE certification catalog rights be different from MiraCosta catalog rights?

This scenario is possible. At MiraCosta, to be considered continuous, a student must receive a letter grade in each semester following initial enrollment, with a one semester leave possible. We will honor the CSU version of continuous enrollment for the purposes of CSU-GE certification if required as part of an awarded degree.

17. If a student completed a course that is approved and effective Fall 2021 at another California community college in the Area F Ethnic Studies category, can we use the same course if completed prior to Fall 2021?

No, because many existing courses had to be modified prior to CSU approval, there are no retroactive approvals.

18. When will the California Community College (Plan A) Ethnic Studies requirement go into effect?

A task force of California community college stakeholders led by the Chancellor's Office in coordination with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, and the California Community Colleges Ethnic Studies Faculty Council, will help determine the timing for implementation of the ethnic studies requirement as well as the definition of courses that will satisfy the requirement. It is expected to go into effect in Fall 2022 or Fall 2023. This course will be able to double count with major requirements. It will not be applied to any Certificate requirements. **This will go into effect in Fall 2024 as a *general education* requirement. CPC will work on this in Fall 2023. JB 7/30/23**

19. How will this requirement differ from the CSU-GE Area F requirement?

Currently, the requirement is "Satisfactory completion of a transfer-level course (Minimum of three semester units or four quarter units) in Ethnic Studies taught in or on behalf of other departments and disciplines."

We will be receiving guidance in Fall 2023 regarding what disciplines will be allowed to offer courses in this category. JB 7-30/23

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Ethnic Studies-IGETC 2023

IGETC-UC Bound

1. What students are excluded from completing Area 7?

Students who maintain catalog rights to any year prior to Fall 2023.

2. Is Continuous Enrollment Required for the years prior to 2023?

No

3. If a student completed a course that was approved for CSU-GE, Area F prior to Fall 2023 and switches to IGETC, can the course meet the IGETC Area 7 requirement in 2023?

No, because the course needs to be approved for the GE pattern in the year that the course is completed.

IGETC-CSU Bound

4. Which students are exempt when completing IGETC with Area 7 ?

Students who began at a CCC or CSU prior to fall 2023 and maintained continuous enrollment.

5. What other students qualify for using pre-2023 IGETC

- A. Conferral of an associate degree for Transfer (ADT) (*With or without continuous enrollment*)
- B. (IGETC) certified (*With or without continuous enrollment*)

6. Can students who began college at a UC, in-state-private and/or out-of-state institutions be exempt from Area 7 with continuous enrollment prior to Fall 2023?

Non-CSU or CCC students have no claim to catalog rights and must complete the Area 7 requirement if they start at a CCC in Fall 2023 or later.

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