

# Cal-GETC Advisement Sheet

## California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)

Fall 2025–Summer 2026

### AREA 1—English Communication

Three courses and a minimum of 9 semester or 12 quarter units are required. Select **one course from each group** (1A, 1B, and 1C):

	C	IP	N
<b>1A. English Composition</b> (a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units) ENGL C1000			
<b>1B. Critical Thinking &amp; Composition</b> (a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units) ENGL C1001/C1001H, 201/201H			
<b>1C. Oral Communication</b> (a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units) COMM C1000			

### AREA 2—Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning

One course and a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units are required. Select **one** of the following courses:

	C	IP	N
BTEC 180; BUS 204; CSIT 123; MATH 112, 115, 126, 126S, 131, 150/150H, 155, 260; PSYC 104/104H; SOC 125; STAT C1000/C1000E			

### AREA 3—Arts & Humanities

Two courses and a minimum of 6 semester or 8 quarter units are required. Select **one course from each group** (3A and 3B):

	C	IP	N
<b>3A. Arts:</b> ART 104, 157, 158, 159, 201, 234, 254, 258, 259, 260/260H, 290 DESN 107, 108 DNCE 100, 101, 105 DRAM 105, 134, 222 FILM 101/101H, 106, 111, 112 MAT 105 MUS 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 119			
<b>3B. Humanities:</b> ART 159 CCS 232 COMM 215 DESN 108 DNCE 104 FILM 111, 112, 211, 212 FREN 121, 201, 202 GRMN 121, 201 HIST 100/100H, 101/101H, 103, 104, 115, 116, 141, 142, 145, 146, 165 HUMN 101, 201, 202, 205 ITAL 121, 201, 202 JAPN 121, 123, 201, 202, 210 LIT 100, 101, 120, 122, 250, 251, 260, 261, 265, 270, 271 MAT 105 PHIL 101/101H, 102, 221 RELG 101/101H, 103, 105 SOC 232 SPAN 201, 202, 205, 221, 222			

### AREA 4—Social & Behavioral Sciences

Two courses and a minimum of 6 semester or 8 quarter units are required. Select **two courses from two** academic disciplines:

	C	IP	N
ADM 100, 200 ANTH 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 120, 190 BLST 100 CCS 100, 232 CHLD 112, 113, 210, 235 COMM 120, 135, 220 CSIT 160, 165 ECON 100, 101, 102 ETHN 207 GEOG 102, 104, 108 GERO 101, 250 HIST 100/100H, 101/101H, 102, 107, 110/110H, 111/111H, 113, 115, 116, 117, 141, 142, 145, 146, 165 NUTR 108 POLS C1000, 101/101H, 103, 150 PSYC C1000/C1000H, 100, 103, 114, 115, 121, 125, 145, 170, 211 SOC 101/101H, 102, 103, 105, 120, 130, 140, 145, 207, 232, 250			

### AREA 5—Physical & Biological Sciences

Two courses and a minimum of 7 semester or 9 quarter units are required. Select **one** course from group 5A and **one** course from group 5B. One course must include a corresponding laboratory. (Lab courses are highlighted.)

	C	IP	N
<b>5A. Physical Science:</b> ASTR 101, 101L, 120 CHEM 103, 103L, 112, 115, 116, 140, 150, 151 EART 106 GEOG 101, 101L GEO 101, 101L OCEA 101/101H, 101L PHSN 106 PHYS 111, 112, 151, 152, 253			
<b>5B. Biological Science:</b> ANTH 101/101H, 101L, 105, 190 BIO 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 108, 108L, 110, 111, 111L, 202, 204, 220, 230 HORT 115, 116 PSYC 260			

### AREA 6—Ethnic Studies

One course and a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units are required. Select **one** course from the following:

	C	IP	N
CCS 100, 232; ETHN 100, 207; SOC 207, 232			

### CSU American Institutions Graduation Requirement

#### US History, Constitution, and American Ideals:

Complete **one** course from Group I **and** one course from Group II, **or** complete the course in Group III.

	C	IP	N
<b>Group I:</b> HIST 110/110H, 116, 141, 145 <b>and</b> <b>Group II:</b> HIST 111/111H, 117, 142, 146, 165 <b>or</b> <b>Group III:</b> POLS C1000			

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This general education certification pattern can be subject to change year by year, but students are assured that courses taken to meet this pattern will be honored if they are approved for the academic year that the course is completed. **Courses on this list are approved effective fall 2025 and are valid through summer 2026.**

Certification of this general education pattern is advantageous to most transfer students, but it is not a UC or CSU admission requirement except when students are completing an Associate Degree for Transfer to a California State University. Students are strongly advised to work with a MiraCosta College counselor to develop an educational plan that includes general education and major preparation coursework specific to their intended UC or CSU campus.

Partial certification of Cal-GETC is not permitted.

Credit will not be awarded for both the honors and non-honors version of a course.

Courses listed in two different areas may be used in either area but not both.

All courses on Cal-GETC must be completed with a "C" or better. A "P" (pass) is acceptable, but no more than 14 transferable semester units may be completed on a pass/no pass basis.

UC credit may be limited for some courses. For example, no credit is given for an introductory course if it is taken after a more advanced college course. Credit may also be limited for courses with overlapping content. UC credit limitations are noted in course descriptions.



# Cal-GETC Frequently Asked Questions

## California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)

### What is Cal-GETC?

California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is a pattern of courses that students can complete at MiraCosta College to fulfill general education requirements at a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campus.

### Is Cal-GETC required for transfer to a UC or CSU campus?

**No.** No. Cal-GETC is not an admission requirement for transfer to either the UC or CSU, nor does completing it guarantee admission to the campus or program of choice. Cal-GETC may not be best for students in high unit majors such as math and sciences, and some UC campuses will not accept Cal-GETC for certain majors. Cal-GETC is an alternative to completing the lower-division general education or breadth program at a CSU or UC campus for many transfer students but not all.

### What are the minimum UC requirements for an upper-division transfer student?

1. Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.4.
2. Complete the following course pattern requirements, earning a grade of "C" or better in each course: two transferable college courses (3 semester units each) in English Composition; one transferable college course (3 semester units) in Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning; four transferable college courses (3 semester units each) chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: Arts and Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Physical and Biological Sciences.

*Completion of Cal-GETC will fulfill the requirements listed under section 2.*

### What are the minimum CSU requirements for an upper-division transfer student?

1. Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit, of which 30 semester (45 quarter) units are at a level equivalent to general education courses.
2. Attain a GPA of 2.0 or better across all transferable college courses attempted. In high-demand majors and campuses, a higher GPA may be required.
3. Be in good standing at the last college or university attended. "Good standing" means you are eligible to re-enroll at your last college or university.
4. Complete one course in each of the following four areas with a grade of "C-" or better:

**Area 1A**—English Composition

**Area 1B**—Critical Thinking and Composition

**Area 1C**—Oral Communication

**Area 2**—Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning

### What is certification of Cal-GETC?

"Certification" refers to official notification from MiraCosta College that a student transferring to any UC/CSU campus has completed courses fulfilling lower-division general education requirements. To obtain certification, students must complete the entire Cal-GETC course pattern with a grade of "C" or better in each course. "Certification" means the student will not be required to complete additional lower-division general education courses after transfer.

### Can I get partial certification of Cal-GETC?

**No.**

### Can Advanced Placement test scores be applied to Cal-GETC?

**Yes.** Students may earn Cal-GETC area credit for acceptable AP scores. Applying AP credit toward a major requirement will vary by UC/CSU campus. Please see a MiraCosta College counselor when using AP credit for transfer.

### What are the methods that can be used to meet the Language Other than English (LOTE) requirement for the UC?

Any of the following: completion of one semester of a language other than English at MiraCosta College; score of 3 on the Foreign Language AP test; satisfactory score on SAT II subject test; score of 5 or higher on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination; score of 5, 6, or 7 on the "A" level exam; grade of A, B, or C on the "O" level exam; official records that verify completion with grades "C" or better of two years of formal schooling at the 6th grade level or higher in an institution where the language of instruction is not English; satisfactory completion of a proficiency test administered by a community college, university, or other college in a language other than English.

### Does the UC have a US History, Constitution, and American Ideals graduation requirement?

**Yes.** Most students will satisfy this requirement through one year of US history or one half year of US history and one half year of US government in high school completed with a "C" or better (UCLA requires a "B") or a college-level course.

### Can I complete Cal-GETC coursework at more than one college?

**Yes.** MiraCosta College will certify courses taken at other California community colleges. These courses will be placed in the same Cal-GETC category identified at the offering college. Courses taken at other regionally accredited colleges/universities that do not have a Cal-GETC pattern may be used on Cal-GETC if the course is comparable to an approved Cal-GETC course at MiraCosta College or another California community college. **Foreign coursework is not acceptable for Cal-GETC.**

### Can a course be used to satisfy a Cal-GETC area and a major requirement?

**Yes.**

### What if I have a mixture of quarter and semester unit courses? How is this calculated for certification?

It will be calculated to the student's advantage per area, using either semester or quarter units. To convert semester units to quarter units, multiply the semester units by 1.5. To convert quarter units to semester units, divide the quarter units by 1.5.

## MiraCosta College Associate Degree Frequently Asked Questions

### Can I use Cal-GETC to earn an associate degree?

**Yes.** Cal-GETC certification will satisfy the MiraCosta College general education requirements for an associate degree.

### What are the other requirements to earn an associate degree when I complete Cal-GETC?

- **Unit/GPA**—60 degree applicable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- **Residency**—12 units completed at MiraCosta College
- **Major**—18 units with a letter grade of "C" or better or "P" if taken on a pass/no basis.

### Can I use Cal-GETC to obtain a Certificate of Achievement?

**Yes.** Certification earns a Certificate of Achievement in Cal-GETC.