

MCGE Advisement Sheet

MiraCosta College General Education (MCGE) Requirements Fall 2025–Summer 2026

MCGE will satisfy general education requirements at MiraCosta College but will not satisfy all general education requirements for transfer to a CSU or UC campus and is not intended for students transferring to a four-year institution.

AREA 1—English Composition, Oral Communication & Critical Thinking

1A. English Composition A minimum of 3 semester units is required.	C	IP	N
ENGL C1000			
1B. Oral Communication & Critical Thinking A minimum of 3 semester units is required. Select one course from any discipline.	C	IP	N
COMM C1000, 106, 207, 212			
ENGL C1001/C1001H, 201/201H			
PHIL 100, 110			
READ 100			

AREA 2—Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning

A minimum of 3 semester units is required.	C	IP	N
BUS 147, 204			
BTEC 180			
CS 101			
CSIT 123			
MATH 102, 102A, 105, 106, 110, 112, 115, 126/126S, 131, 135, 150/150H/150S, 155, 260			
PHAR 201			
PSYC 104/104H			
SOC 125			
STAT C1000/C1000E/C1000H			

AREA 3—Arts & Humanities

A minimum of 3 semester units is required. Select one course from any discipline.	C	IP	N
ART 100, 101, 103, 104, 157, 158, 159, 201, 232, 244, 254, 258, 259, 260/260H, 290			
AUTO 110			
CCS 100, 232			
COMM 111, 215			
DESN 107, 108			
DNCE 100, 101, 104, 105			
DRAM 105, 130, 134, 222			
ETHN 100/100H			
FILM 101/101H, 106, 111, 112, 211, 212			
FREN 101, 102, 121, 201, 202			
GRMN 101, 102, 121, 201			
HIST 103, 104			
HUMN 101, 201, 202, 205			
ITAL 101, 102, 121, 201, 202			
JAPN 101, 102, 121, 123, 201, 202			
LIT 100, 101, 120, 122, 250, 251, 260, 261, 265, 270, 271			
MAT 105			
MUS 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 119			
NAIS 100			
PACS 100			
PHIL 101/101H, 102, 221; RELG 101/101H, 103, 105			
SOC 232			
SPAN 101, 102, 201, 202, 221, 222			

AREA 4—Social & Behavioral Sciences

A minimum of 3 semester units is required. Select one course from any discipline.	C	IP	N
ADM 100, 200			
ANTH 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 120, 190			
AUTO 111			
CCS 100, 232			
CHLD 113, 235			
COMM 120, 135, 220			
COUN 115			
CSIT 160, 165			
ECON 100, 101, 102			
ETHN 100/100H			
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, 150, 165			
NAIS 100			
PACS 100			
POLS C1000, 101/101H, 103, 150			
PSYC C1000/C1000H, 100, 103, 114, 115, 121, 125, 170, 211			
SOC 101/101H, 102, 103, 105, 120, 130, 140, 232, 250			

AREA 5—Natural Sciences

A minimum of 3 semester units is required. Courses with a laboratory component are highlighted.	C	IP	N
ANTH 101/101H, 101L , 105, 190			
ASTR 101, 101L, 120			
BIO 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 108, 108L, 110, 111, 111L, 202, 204, 220			
CHEM 103, 103L, 112, 115, 116, 140, 150, 151			
EART 106			
GEOG 101, 101L, 155			
GEOL 101, 101L			
HORT 115, 116			
NURS 153			
NUTR 100, 120			
OCEA 101/101H, 101L			
PHSN 106			
PHYS 111, 112, 151, 152, 253			
PSYC 260			

AREA 6—Ethnic Studies

A minimum of 3 semester units is required.	C	IP	N
CCS 100, 232			
ETHN 100, 207			
SOC 207, 232			

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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



MCGE Frequently Asked Questions

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Associate Degree Requirements

- Unit/GPA: 60 degree applicable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Residency: 12 units completed at MiraCosta College
- Major: A minimum of 18 units with a letter grade of "C" or better or "P" if taken pass/no pass. **Courses may be used to satisfy a major and a general education requirement.**
- General education

General Education Requirements

- MCGE: Complete Areas 1-6.
- Courses that were completed to satisfy the same general education category at another California community college will be applied to that GE area at MiraCosta College.
- Submission of a bachelor's degree or an associate degree from a regionally accredited college or university may be used to satisfy general education requirements in lieu of MCGE.
- Completion of Cal-GETC will also satisfy general education requirements.

Petition for Degree and/or Certificate

Students who expect to receive an associate degree and/or Certificate of Achievement must file a petition by the 30 percent deadline of the final semester leading to their graduation. (Students intending to graduate during the summer intersession may petition during the spring semester.) Official transcripts from all colleges attended (or concurrently attending), approved substitutions and waivers, educational plans, and any other necessary documents must be on file in the Counseling Office before a student submits a petition to graduate. Petitions submitted after the deadline are automatically processed in the subsequent semester.