

## Mixing Quarter and Semester Units for Plan A, B, C

### Plan A

- Student meets A-G requirements with qualifying 3 semester units or 4 quarter unit courses from a quarter system institution. Does not need to add up to 3 semester unit equivalent. [EXCEPT in Area B where it has to be a 4 semester or 5 quarter unit requirement.](#)

### Plan B and C

Can a 4-quarter unit course be used in place of a 3-semester unit course?

- Yes, these unit values are considered generally equivalent; however, we do still need to check to make sure the student has the appropriate number of units for the area. So when we mix semester and quarter units in an area, we need to do some calculations. For example, Area C requires 9 semester or 12 quarter units. Let's say a student has 2-3 semester classes and 1-4 quarter unit class. If we add up the semester values for these courses they would only add up to 8.67 sem units, but if we add up the quarter values, then they add up to 13 qtr units. As long as we can meet the area requirement with either sem or qtr unit values, we can clear them.

### Plan B, Area E

Can you use a 4 quarter unit course to satisfy this area?

- Yes it is allowed.

### CSU and IGETC Certifications

- Same process for both plans. It's important to also remember that IGETC requires a quarter unit course to be at least 4 qtr units, they don't allow 3 quarter units. [EXCEPT in Area 1A or 2 where a two-course sequence could clear each of these areas. Each part of the two-course sequence can be worth 3 quarter units for a total of 6 quarter units for Area 1A and 6 quarter units for Area 2. Please refer to page 13 of the most recent IGETC Standards \(Version 1.9\) to see the examples given.](#)