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Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) 2023-2024

The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) is a general education program that community college transfer students may use to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for either the UC or the CSU system. The IGETC pattern is most useful for students who want to keep their options open before making a final decision about transferring to a particular UC or CSU campus. Completion of IGETC does NOT guarantee admission, nor is it required for admission.

Some students may be better served by taking courses that fulfill the CSU General Education-Breadth requirements or the requirements of the UC campus or other college to which they plan to transfer. Students pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division major preparation may not find the IGETC option to be advantageous. Engineering, Architecture, and Liberal Studies are examples of those majors. UC San Diego Colleges of Roosevelt and Revelle and UC Berkeley Haas School of Business and College of Environmental Design (Architecture & Landscape Architecture majors) will not accept the IGETC. Schools of Engineering do not generally recommend the IGETC. Before selecting the IGETC pattern as your General Education choice, please see a counselor for assistance in planning your program.

For information about Partial IGETC Certifications and IGETC for STEM majors, please refer to the Cuesta College catalog.

Courses completed at a California Community College will be applied to the subject area in which they were listed by the institution at which the work was completed. Coursework from other United States regionally accredited institutions may be used on IGETC. Coursework must be evaluated by a Cuesta Counselor or Evaluator before they will be applied to Cuesta's IGETC pattern. All courses must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. A "Credit" or "Pass" that is defined by institutional policy as being equivalent to a grade of C (2.0) or higher may be applied to meet IGETC requirements. Foreign coursework from non-US regionally accredited institutions may not be applied, based on UC system policy. Course credit earned on the basis of acceptable scores on Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams can be applied toward IGETC certification. (See the charts at the end of this chapter for a list of acceptable AP/IB courses and scores.)

Important: All courses must be completed with grades of C (2.0) or higher. Courses used to meet IGETC requirements must have a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units. (Exceptions may be made for English Composition and math. See a counselor for details.)

Before petitioning for IGETC certification, students are strongly urged to consult with a Cuesta College counselor to verify that they have fulfilled their IGETC requirements.

Some private and out-of-state colleges and universities will accept the completed IGETC to meet their lower-division general education requirements. See a Counselor for details.

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Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) Requirements

All courses must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or higher. Courses used to meet IGETC requirements must have a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units.

AREA 1: ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

GROUP 1A: ENGLISH COMPOSITION (Required for UC and CSU): 1 course (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

ENGL 201A

GROUP 1B: CRITICAL THINKING (Required for UC and CSU): 1 course (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

ENGL 201B or 201C

GROUP 1C: ORAL COMMUNICATION (Required of CSU only): 1 course (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

COMM 201 or 210

AREA 2: MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING: 1 course (3 semester/4-5 quarter units)

CIS 241; MATH 230, 232, 242, 247, 255, 265A, 265B, 283, 287

AREA 3: ARTS AND HUMANITIES: 3 courses (9 semester/12 quarter units), with at least one course from Group A (Arts) and one course from Group B (Humanities)

GROUP A: ARTS (at least one course)

ARCH 217, 218; ART 200, 203, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211; DRA 207; ENGL 237; MUS 235, 236, 237, 238

GROUP B: HUMANITIES (at least one course)

ENGL 201B, 205, 206, 212A, 212B, *213, 215, 216, 217, 237, 242, 245A, 245B, 246A, 246B;

ETHN *213; HIST 203A, 203B, 204A, 204B, 207A, 207B, 210, 212, 233, 237; PHIL 205, 206, 209, 212, 213; SPAN 203, 204

*ENGL 213 and ETHN 213 are cross listed courses

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AREA 4: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Complete two courses from two different disciplines (6 semester/9 quarter units)

AGB 201; ANTH, 202, 203, 220, 221, 225; ASHS (formerly HDHS) 212; CDFS (formerly ECE) 201, 202; CJ 202, 224; COMM 212; 230, 280; ECON 200, 201A, 201B; EDUC *210; ETHN *210, 219 230, 231, 235; FTVE 221; GEOG 201 (through Sp '20 only), 202, 225; GLST 210, 220; HIST 203A, 203B, 204A, 204B, 207A, 207B, 210, 212, 233, 237, 260; JOUR 200; LGL 217; POLS 201, 202, 204, 205, 206, 209; PSYC 200, 201, 204, 206, 233; SOC 201A, 201B, 202, 204, 206, 208

*EDUC 210 and ETHN 210 are cross listed courses

AREA 5: PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES - Two courses required (7 semester/9 quarter units total). This is best accomplished by completing one 3 unit lecture course, and one 4 unit lecture/lab course.

1 course is required from 5A; 1 course is required from 5B. One of the courses from 5A or 5B must include a lab (courses with a laboratory component are designated in 5C and are underlined in lists 5A and 5B).

GROUP 5A: PHYSICAL SCIENCE COURSES (1 course required)

AGPS 241; ASTR 210; CHEM 200 (formerly 210FL), 201A, 201B, 211, 212A, 212B, 231; ENVS 200; GEOG 201; GEOL 210, 211, 212, 220; METE 212; OCEN 210; PHYS 205A, 205B, 208A, 208B; PSCI 210, 211

GROUP 5B: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE COURSES (1 course required)

AGPS 242; ANTH 201; BIO 201A, 201B, 202, 204, 205, 206, 211, 212, 213, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224; PSYC 202

GROUP 5C: Stand Alone Lab Science Courses that may be paired with a lecture course above to meet the lecture/lab requirement. Underlined courses above include lecture and laboratory combined.

ANTH 201L; ASTR 210L; BIO 212L, 220L, 222L; OCEN 210L

AREA 6A: Language Other Than English (Required for UC only)

There are a variety of ways to satisfy the IGETC “Language other than English” Competency requirement.

1. **Completion of one of the following Cuesta College courses: ASL 202, FR 202, GER 202 or SPAN 202.**
2. Completion of the second semester, second level (i.e., 4th semester) of high school instruction in a language other than English, with a C- or better.
3. Satisfactory completion, with a grade of C or higher, of two years formal schooling at the sixth grade level or higher in an institution where the language of instruction is not English.
4. Satisfactory score of the SAT II: Subject Test in Language Other Than English (LOTE). If exam was taken before May 1995, use first score listed; if taken after May 1995, use second score listed:
 - Chinese with listening: 500/520
 - French/French with listening: 500/540
 - German/German with listening: 500/510
 - Hebrew (Modern): 500/470
 - Italian: 500/520
 - Japanese with listening: 500/510
 - Korean/Korean with listening: /500
 - Latin: 500/530
 - Spanish/Spanish with listening: 500/520
5. Satisfactory score of 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations in Languages Other Than English (LOTE).
6. Satisfactory score of 5 or higher on the International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level Examinations in Language Other Than English (LOTE).
7. Satisfactory completion of an achievement test administered by a community college, university, or other college in a Language Other Than English (LOTE). It is at the discretion of the college to offer this option to students.
8. Language Other Than English (LOTE) “O” Level Exam with a grade of A, B, or C.
9. Language Other Than English (LOTE) International “A” Level Exam with a score of 5, 6, or 7.
10. A Defense Language Institute Language Other Than English (LOTE) course that is indicated as passed with a C or higher on the official transcript.

AREA 7: ETHNIC STUDIES: (One course, 3 sem or 4 quarter units):

Choose from: EDUC/ETHN 210; ENGL/ETHN 213; ETHN 230

Students who begin at Cuesta or another California Community College (CCC) in Fall '23, after their high school graduation, are required to complete Area 7 (and two instead of three Area 4 courses) for full IGETC Certification at Cuesta. Students who began at a CCC prior to Fall '23 (and after their high school graduation,) and who have maintained continuous enrollment at a CCC during this time, may choose a prior IGETC pattern. See a counselor for details.

Applying non-Cuesta Coursework to IGETC

The following is a summary of requirements for applying non-Cuesta courses to IGETC:

1. The institution is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges or an equivalent accrediting body.
2. A course taken at a California Community College is applied to the subject area in which it is listed by the institution where the work was completed (check assist.org for college IGETC lists).
3. Coursework from other U.S. regionally accredited institutions may be used on IGETC. Coursework must be evaluated by a counselor to be sure it conforms to the IGETC Standards.
4. The grade received in the course is C (2.0) or higher. A grade of C- (C minus) is not acceptable for IGETC. A "Credit" or "Pass" that is defined by institutional policy as being equivalent to a grade of C (2.0) or higher may be applied to IGETC requirements.
5. Foreign coursework from non-United States regionally accredited institutions cannot be used for IGETC.
6. Each course is a minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units. (Exceptions may be made for English composition or math. See a counselor for details).
7. All courses that meet IGETC requirements are completed by the end of the semester that the student is petitioning for certification.