

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IGETC

- 1. What is IGETC?** *IGETC stands for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum.* It is a general education pattern which community college transfer students can use to fulfill lower-division general education requirements in either the CSU or UC system without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower-division general education requirements. Depending on the campus to which one transfers and one's individual circumstances, there may be additional non-GE lower-division graduation requirements to be met (i.e., foreign language, multi-cultural studies, American history) as well as upper division general education requirements.
- 2. Is IGETC an admission requirement?** *No.* Completion of IGETC alone does not meet the admission requirement for either UC or CSU nor is it required in order to be admitted. Completion of IGETC does not guarantee admission to a student's campus of choice. However, completing the lower division breadth/general education requirements – whether through IGETC or the campus-specific requirements – may improve a transfer applicant's chances for admission to a competitive campus and/or program.
- 3. Is it advisable for all transfer students to follow IGETC?** *No.* Some students may be better served by taking courses which fulfill the CSU General Education requirements, or those of the UC campus or college to which they plan to transfer. IGETC will be most useful to students who want to keep their options open before making a final decision about transferring to a particular CSU or UC campus. Once a student has identified a major, it is important for the student to work toward fulfilling any required preparatory courses, particularly in professional or "high unit" majors that select applicants on the basis of satisfaction of lower division major requirements. *We encourage you to discuss your transfer plans with a counselor to help you decide if following IGETC is the best option for you.*
- 4. Must the entire IGETC pattern be completed prior to transfer?** *No.* It is now possible to receive "partial certification" of IGETC, when all but two courses on the IGETC pattern have been completed. Therefore, IGETC may be applicable for most transfer majors. Please speak with a counselor for more information. Also, students should consider specific university admissions policies, which may require full IGETC certification or the completion of Areas 1 and 2.
- 5. May coursework taken at other institutions be used to certify a student's completion of IGETC?** *Yes, with stipulations.* CCSF will certify courses taken at other accredited colleges and universities under the following conditions: CCSF will place courses taken at other California community colleges in the IGETC categories identified by the offering college. Courses must have been on that college's IGETC list when the courses were taken. Courses taken at other colleges/universities may be used on IGETC only if they are judged as equivalent to courses on the IGETC list for CCSF or another California community college. However, except for California community colleges, coursework from other institutions generally will not be used to fulfill the critical thinking/English composition requirement (Area 1B). In addition, foreign coursework cannot be part of a student's IGETC certification. *In order to have your previous school's record evaluated for IGETC certification, please make a counseling appointment and bring an unofficial or official transcript to your appointment. At the time you request IGETC certification, you will need to submit OFFICIAL transcripts to CCSF's Admissions & Records Transcript Office.*
- 6. Will students be required to earn a minimum grade in all courses used for IGETC certification?** *Yes.* Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in each course used for IGETC. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Courses taken on a "credit" basis may be used if the college catalog where the course was taken states that a "credit" grade is equivalent to a "C" or better (CCSF has this policy). Students are advised that there are limits on the number of units taken on a "credit/no credit" basis (14 semester unit limit for UC; unit limitations at CSU vary from campus to campus).
- 7. Is there a minimum unit value per course?** *Yes.* All courses must have a minimum unit value of 3 semester or 4 quarter units. When combining quarter and semester unit values within an IGETC area, units should be converted to either all quarter units or all semester units, whichever best meets the minimum unit requirement for that area. However, the conversion of units from semester to quarter for meeting minimum unit requirements may result in a student needing additional coursework to meet CSU graduation requirements.
- 8. Can a course be used both to satisfy an IGETC requirement and to fulfill a major requirement?** *Yes.* Courses to be used to satisfy IGETC requirements may be double counted toward preparation for major requirements, except for individual CSU campus restrictions.
- 9. Can AP scores be applied to IGETC?** *Yes.* AP scores of 3, 4, or 5 can be applied to IGETC. (See chart on reverse.) Additional details may be found on: <http://www.ccsf.edu/Services/Articulation/pdf/IGETC%20AP.pdf>.

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10. Can a course be used to satisfy more than one subject area? *No.* A single course may be used only once for IGETC. A course may be listed in more than one area, but it may be used to satisfy only one subject requirement. The only exception is Area 6 Language Other Than English.

11. Is certification of IGETC completion automatic? *No.* Students must apply for IGETC certification:

Step One: Schedule an appointment with a counselor for the initial IGETC certification. If you have coursework from other colleges, AP scores, or foreign language course work from high school, bring documentation of these to your counseling appointment.

Step Two: After meeting with the counselor, bring your certification form and Transcript Request Form (both signed by your counselor) to Admissions and Records, Conlan Hall, Room 107. Be sure that Admissions and Records has **official** copies of AP scores, transcripts from other colleges/universities and high school transcripts if they are being used for IGETC certification.

Step Three: Request that a transcript be sent **with an IGETC certification** and be prepared to provide the address of the college/university where you would like your IGETC certification and transcript sent.

UC Campus-Specific IGETC Information: Can be found under the heading of "IGETC Considerations" on: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/educators/counselors/admininfo/transfer/advising/igetc.html>

While not required for IGETC or UC Berkeley admissions, students may satisfy a UC Berkeley graduation requirement by taking an approved American Cultures course as one of their IGETC courses:

UC Berkeley graduation requirement in American Cultures: One course from the following:		
Anthropology 3AC	History 9	Music 26
Economics 25	Interdisciplinary Studies 14	Political Science 12
English 60	Labor Studies 100	

Advanced Placement (AP) and IGETC

A score of 3, 4, or 5 is required to grant credit for IGETC certification. An acceptable AP score for IGETC equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes. Each AP exam may be applied to one IGETC area as satisfying one course requirement, with the exception of Language other Than English (*LOTE*). Students who have earned credit from an AP exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both. For more details on applying AP scores to IGETC, go to: <http://www.ccsf.edu/artic/pdf/IGETC%20AP.pdf>

AP EXAMINATION	IGETC AREA	AP EXAMINATION	IGETC AREA
Art History	3A or 3B	U.S. Government & Politics	4H
Biology	5B with lab	Human Geography	4E
Calculus AB	2A	Italian Language & Culture	3B and 6A
Calculus BC	2A	Japanese Language & Culture	3B and 6A
Chemistry	5A with lab	Latin Literature	3B and 6A
Chinese Language & Culture	3B and 6A	Latin: Vergil	3B and 6A
Macroeconomics	4B	Physics B	5A with lab
Microeconomics	4B	Physics C: Mechanics	5A with lab
English Language+	1A	Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism	5A with lab
English Literature	1A or 3B	Psychology	4I
Environmental Science	5A with lab	Spanish Language	3B and 6A
European History	3B or 4F	Spanish Literature	3B and 6A
French Language	3B and 6A	Statistics	2A
French Literature	3B and 6A	U.S. History	3B or 4F
German Language	3B and 6A	World History	3B or 4F
Comparative Government & Politics	4H		

Please note: The above chart shows how AP scores count for IGETC, and not necessarily how CCSF or individual UC or CSU campuses grant course equivalency credit.