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?** Yes. In order for a CSU or UC campus to accept IGETC, the last community college attended must certify that IGETC has been completed in its entirety prior to transfer. In rare circumstances, students demonstrating good cause may petition for partial certification. However, you should plan on completing all of IGETC before you transfer.

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 course was taken. Courses taken at other colleges/universities may be used on IGETC only if they are judged as equivalent to courses on CCSF’s IGETC list. 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 the 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 “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; a range from 0-40 semester units for CSU).

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. Students with both quarter and semester unit course work may find it difficult to combine the two in order to complete the required number of units. Additional coursework may be necessary in order to accumulate the required number of courses or units in certain IGETC areas.

8. **Can a course be used both to satisfy an IGETC requirement and to fulfill a major requirement?** Yes. Courses may be used to satisfy the 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, except in Area 1B Critical Thinking. A score of 4 or higher in AP English is required for UC.
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.

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’d like your IGETC certification and transcript sent.

UC Campus-Specific IGETC Information

**Berkeley:** IGETC is not advised for the Colleges of Engineering, Environmental Design, Chemistry, Natural Resources and the Haas School of Business. The College of Letters and Science selects from among transfer applicants those who have completed the equivalent of the College’s lower division skills breadth requirements and one way of satisfying this selection requirement is to complete IGETC in its entirety prior to transfer. For selection purposes, Berkeley requires completion of IGETC by the end of the spring term before they enter Berkeley for the fall semester. However, preparation for the major is also important.

| 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          |

**Davis:** Although it is honored for all majors, IGETC is not advised for the Division of Biological Sciences; the College of Engineering; the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and majors in the College of Letters and Science that require substantial math and science preparation, such as: Chemistry, Environmental Toxicology, Exercise Science, Fermentation Science, Food Science, or Nutrition Science & Physics.

**Irvine:** Although it is honored for all majors, IGETC is not optimal for transfers to the Schools of Engineering, Biological Sciences or Physical Sciences.

**Los Angeles:** The IGETC is not appropriate for students transferring to the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

**Riverside:** IGETC is accepted for majors in the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences. Business Administration majors should complete IGETC as well as lower division major preparation. Majors in the sciences and engineering require extensive lower division major preparation. Students should prioritize major preparation over IGETC.

**San Diego:** The IGETC is not appropriate for students transferring to majors in the School of Engineering. Students entering any other major, however, can successfully use the IGETC. Eleanor Roosevelt and Revelle Colleges will not accept the IGETC. IGETC is not to be used by students in the Transfer Admission and Guarantee Program (TAG).

**San Francisco:** Dental Hygiene is the only undergraduate program at this health science campus. IGETC is not accepted.

**Santa Barbara:** The IGETC is not appropriate for students transferring to the College of Engineering. Students planning to major in: Biological sciences, Biopsychology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, or Geophysics can use the IGETC, but must be careful to complete lower division major prerequisites.

**Santa Cruz:** Although the IGETC is acceptable for all majors at UCSC, students planning to pursue majors that require substantial preparation, such as those in the sciences or environmental studies, should give priority to the completion of lower division major prerequisites.