

2025-2026 CAL-GETC

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the singular general education pathway designed for California Community College (CCC) students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements necessary for transfer and admission to both the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC). Students who transfer to a CSU campus must complete a minimum of 9 additional upper-division general education units after transfer, and UC students may need to complete additional upper-division general education coursework after enrolling at the UC. The Cal-GETC pattern may not be appropriate for some programs or high unit majors, or for students planning to transfer to a private or out of state college/university. Students should consult with a GWC counselor to make sure this is their best option.

A minimum "C" grade is required for Cal-GETC. A "C" is defined as a minimum of 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale. A "C-" grade valued at less than 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale cannot be used for Cal-GETC certification. Grades of "credit" can be used if "credit" is equal to a "C" or better. There are limits to the number of units that can be taken for credit or pass/no pass (P/NP).

Courses on this list are approved for a specific academic year. A course can be used only if it is on the list when it is taken by the student, and courses appearing in more than one category can only apply the course to one area. Every effort has been made to assure the accuracy of this list at the time of publication; however, additions or deletions sometimes occur during the year. Students are encouraged to see a counselor and check the ASSIST website (www.assist.org) regularly for the most current information about approved general education courses. ASSIST is the official repository of course articulation for California's public colleges and universities.

See Cal-GETC Certificate of Achievement information below.

AREA 1: English Communication

One course from each 1A, 1B, and 1C subject area.

Minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units for each area.

Two 3 quarter unit sequential English courses can be used to satisfy Area 1A.

Course	Title	Units
<i>1A - English Composition</i>		
ENGL G100	Academic Reading and Writing *	4
ENGL G100S	Academic Reading and Writing *	6
<i>1B - Critical Thinking and Composition</i>		
ENGL G110	Critical Thinking, Reading And Writing Through Literature	4
PHIL G125	Critical Reasoning and Writing	3
PSYC G130	Critical Thinking in Psychology	3
<i>1C Oral Communication</i>		
COMM G110	Introduction to Public Speaking	3

AREA 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning

One course, 3-5 semester units (or 4-5 quarter units)

Two 3 quarter unit sequential mathematics courses can be used to satisfy this area.

Course	Title	Units
CS G262	Discrete Structures	3
ECON G160	Statistics for Business and Economics *	3
MATH G115	College Algebra *	4-6
or MATH G115S	College Algebra with Support	
MATH G140	Business Calculus *	4
or MATH G140S	Business Calculus with Support	
STAT G160	Introduction to Statistics *	4
or STAT G160S	Introduction to Statistics	
MATH G170	Precalculus *	4
MATH G180	Calculus 1 *	4
MATH G185	Calculus 2	4
MATH G280	Calculus 3	4
MATH G285	Introduction to Linear Algebra and Differential Equations	5
MATH G287	Introduction to Abstract Mathematics	4
PSYC G140	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences *	4
SOC G125	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology *	3

AREA 3: Arts and Humanities

Two courses, one course from each 3A and 3B for a total of 6 semester units (or 8 quarter units).

Course	Title	Units
<i>3A - Arts</i>		
ART G100	Introduction to Art	3
ART G103	Survey of Asian Art	3
ART G104	Survey of Modern and Contemporary Art	3
ART G105	Survey of Art from Prehistory through the Middle Ages	3
ART G106	Survey of Art from Renaissance to Contemporary	3
ART G123	Race and Ethnicity in American Art	3
ART G127	Art of the Ancient Americas	3
ART G128	Arts of Africa, Oceania, and Indigenous North America	3
ART G129	History of Photography	3
ART G138	Women in Art	3
ART G139	History of Graphic Design	3
DANC G101	Viewing Dance	3
DANC G232	World Dance and Culture	3
MUS G101	History & Appreciation of Music	3
MUS G103	World Music	3
MUS G108	History and Appreciation of The Musical Theater	3
MUS G139	History Of Rock Music	3
MUS G143	History of Jazz	3
THEA G100	Introduction to the Theater	3
THEA G102	History and Appreciation of The Cinema	3
THEA G108	History and Appreciation of the Musical Theater	3

Course	Title	Units
THEA G111	Theater History and Literature - Classical to 1800	3
THEA G112	Theater History and Literature - 1800 to Modern	3
<i>3B - Humanities</i>		
CMST G180	Introduction to Mass Communication	3
ENGL G112	Appreciation Of Literature	3
ENGL G114	Great Myths And Legends	3
ENGL G143	Children's Literature	3
ENGL G147	Introduction to Science Fiction	3
ENGL G150	American Literature through the Civil War (1865)	3
ENGL G155	American Literature 1865 To The Present	3
ENGL G160	Masterpieces of World Literature I (From Antiquity to the Mid-17th Century)	3
ENGL G161	Masterpieces of World Literature II (From the Mid-17th Century to the Present)	3
ENGL G181	Shakespeare	3
ENGL G270	British Literature to 1800	3
ENGL G275	British Literature Since 1800	3
GLST G150	Middle East Studies	3
HIST G110	Economic History of The United States	3
HIST G120	Asian Civilizations	3
HIST G121	History of American Women [#]	3
HIST G140	California History	3
HIST G145	History of Africa	3
HIST G150	History of Latin America	3
HIST G161	World History 1	3
HIST G162	World History 2	3
HIST G170	History Of The United States To 1876 [#]	3
HIST G175	History of the United States Since 1876 [#]	3
HIST G180	Western Civilization 1	3
HIST G185	Western Civilization 2	3
PHIL G100	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL G102	History of Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL G110	Philosophy Of The East	3
PHIL G111	Philosophy of Religion - Western	3
PHIL G120	Ethics	3
PHIL G140	History of Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL G150	Political Theory	3
or PSCI G150	Political Theory	
PSCI G150	Political Theory	3
or PHIL G150	Political Theory	
SIGN G185	American Sign Language 2	4
SIGN G200	Deaf Culture	3
SPAN G165	Spanish for Spanish Speakers 2	5
SPAN G185	Elementary Spanish 2	5
SPAN G200	Mexican Culture and Civilization	3
SPAN G280	Intermediate Spanish 1	4
SPAN G285	Intermediate Spanish 2	4
THEA G102	History and Appreciation of The Cinema	3
VIET G185	Elementary Vietnamese 2	5

Course	Title	Units
VIET G280	Intermediate Vietnamese 1	4
VIET G285	Intermediate Vietnamese 2	4

AREA 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Two courses, from at least two disciplines, for a total of 6 semester units (or 8 quarter units).

Course	Title	Units
ANTH G100	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH G130	Introduction to Archaeology	3
ANTH G140	Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion	3
ANTH G150	Native Peoples of North America	3
ANTH G190	Introduction to Linguistics	3
ANTH G200	Gender, Culture, and Society	3
CJ G123	Juvenile Law [*]	3
CJ G140	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ G150	Introduction To Corrections [*]	3
CMST G180	Introduction to Mass Communication	3
CMST G255	Intercultural Communication	3
CMST G265	Gender Communication	3
ECON G100	Introductory Economics	3
ECON G110	Economic Issues and Policy	3
ECON G130	Environmental Economics and Policy	3
ECON G135	International Political Economy	3
or PSCI G135	Political Economy	
ECON G170	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON G175	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ETHS G101	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
ETHS G103	Race, Ethnicity and Political Issues	3
or PSCI G103	Race, Ethnicity and Political Issues	
ETHS G111	Social Justice and U.S. Ethnic Communities	3
or SOC G111	Social Justice and U.S. Ethnic Communities	
ETHS G120	Critical Geographies of Race/Ethnicity in the United States	3
or GEOG G120	Critical Geographies of Race/Ethnicity in the United States	
ETHS G133	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3
or SOC G133	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	
ETHS G134	Introduction to Chicana/o Studies	3
or SOC G134	Introduction to Chicana/o Studies	
ETHS G136	Introduction to Black and African American Studies	3
ETHS G137	Introduction to Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies	3
ETHS G150	Ethnic Groups of the United States: Their Histories [#]	3
or HIST G155	Ethnic Groups of the United States: Their Histories	
ETHS G167	Psychology of Racism and Oppression	3
or PSYC G167	Psychology of Racism and Oppression	
ETHS G181	American Government: The Politics of Race and Ethnicity [#]	3

Course	Title	Units
or PSCI G181	American Government: The Politics of Race and Ethnicity	
GEOG G100	World Regional Geography	3
GEOG G120	Critical Geographies of Race/Ethnicity in the United States	3
or ETHS G120	Critical Geographies of Race/Ethnicity in the United States	
GEOG G185	Human Geography	3
GLST G101	Introduction to Global Studies	3
GLST G102	Global Issues	3
GLST G130	Social Movements	3
GLST G150	Middle East Studies	3
HLED G220	Introduction to Public Health	3
HIST G110	Economic History of The United States	3
HIST G121	History of American Women [#]	3
HIST G140	California History	3
HIST G145	History of Africa	3
HIST G150	History of Latin America	3
HIST G155	Ethnic Groups of the United States: Their Histories [#]	3
or ETHS G150	Ethnic Groups of the United States: Their Histories	
HIST G170	History Of The United States To 1876 [#]	3
HIST G175	History of the United States Since 1876 [#]	3
HIST G180	Western Civilization 1	3
HIST G185	Western Civilization 2	3
PHIL G150	Political Theory	3
or PSCI G150	Political Theory	
PSCI G100	Introduction To Political Science	3
PSCI G101	Survey Of Current Issues	3
PSCI G103	Race, Ethnicity and Political Issues	3
or ETHS G103	Race, Ethnicity and Political Issues	
PSCI G110	International Relations	3
PSCI G130	Law In American Society	3
PSCI G135	Political Economy	3
or ECON G135	International Political Economy	
PSCI G150	Political Theory	3
or PHIL G150	Political Theory	
POLS G180	American Government and Politics	3
PSCI G181	American Government: The Politics of Race and Ethnicity [#]	3
or ETHS G181	American Government: The Politics of Race and Ethnicity	
PSCI G185	Comparative Politics	3
PSYC G100	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC G110	Psychology of Adjustment	3
PSYC G116	Child Growth and Development	3
PSYC G118	Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC G165	Principles of Human Sexuality 1	3
PSYC G167	Psychology of Racism and Oppression	3
or ETHS G167	Psychology of Racism and Oppression	
PSYC G250	Psychobiology	3
PSYC G255	Abnormal Psychology	3

Course	Title	Units
PSYC G260	Social Psychology	3
PSYC G280	Research Methods in Psychology	4
SOC G100	Introduction To Sociology	3
SOC G110	Introduction To Marriage And The Family	3
SOC G111	Social Justice and U.S. Ethnic Communities	3
or ETHS G111	Social Justice and U.S. Ethnic Communities	
SOC G115	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	3
SOC G133	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3
or ETHS G133	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	
SOC G134	Introduction to Chicana/o Studies	3
or ETHS G134	Introduction to Chicana/o Studies	
SOC G140	Introduction to Gender	3
SOC G160	Sociology of Criminology	3
SOC G185	Analysis of Social Problems	3
SOC G200	Introduction to Research Methods	3

AREA 5: Physical and Biological Sciences

Two courses, with one from Group A and one from Group B, for a total of 7-9 semester units (or 9-12 quarter units).

One of the courses must include a laboratory designated with a (†).

Course	Title	Units
<i>5A - Physical Science</i>		
ASTR G100	Introduction to Astronomy	3
ASTR G100L	Introduction to Astronomy Lab ^{**†}	1
CHEM G110	Introduction To Chemistry ^{**†}	5
CHEM G130	Preparation for General Chemistry ^{**†}	4
CHEM G180	General Chemistry A ^{**†}	5
CHEM G185	General Chemistry B [†]	5
CHEM G220	Organic Chemistry A [†]	5
CHEM G225	Organic Chemistry B [†]	5
GEOG G130	Introduction to Weather and Climate	3
GEOG G180	Physical Geography	3
GEOG G180L	Physical Geography Laboratory ^{**†}	1
GEOL G105	General Geology ^{**†}	3
GEOL G106	Earth Science For Teachers [†]	4
GEOL G110	Physical Geology ^{**†}	4
GEOL G120	Historical Geology [†]	4
PHSC G100	Introductory Physical Science [*]	4
PHYS G110	Conceptual Physics [*]	3
PHYS G111	Conceptual Physics Lab ^{**†}	1
PHYS G120	Algebra Based Physics: Mechanics ^{**†}	4
PHYS G125	Algebra Based Physics: Electricity/ Magnetism ^{**†}	4
PHYS G185	Calculus Based Physics: Mechanics ^{**†}	4
PHYS G280	Calculus Based Physics: Electricity/ Magnetism ^{**†}	4
PHYS G285	Calculus Based Physics: Modern [*]	4
<i>5B - Biological Science</i>		
ANTH G185	Physical Anthropology	3
ANTH G185L	Physical Anthropology Lab [†]	1

Course	Title	Units
BIOL G100	Introduction to Biology ^{††}	4
BIOL G101	The Biology of Food and Cooking	3
BIOL G104	Marine Life	3
BIOL G104L	Marine Life Laboratory [†]	1
BIOL G110	Ecology and Field Biology [†]	3
BIOL G120	Health and Disease [†]	3
BIOL G180	Cell and Molecular Biology ^{††}	5
BIOL G182	Zoology [†]	4
BIOL G183	Botany [†]	4
BIOL G186	Diversity of Organisms [†]	5
BIOL G210	General Microbiology [†]	5
BIOL G220	Human Anatomy ^{††}	4
BIOL G221	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology ^{††}	4
BIOL G225	Human Physiology ^{††}	4
PSYC G250	Psychobiology	3

5C - Laboratory

At least one course from 5A or 5B must incorporate a laboratory component or take a corresponding lab course. † designates lab courses

AREA 6: Ethnic Studies

One course, 3 semester units (or 4 quarter units).

Course	Title	Units
ETHS G103 or PSCI G103	Race, Ethnicity and Political Issues	3
ETHS G111 or SOC G111	Social Justice and U.S. Ethnic Communities	3
ETHS G120 or GEOG G120	Critical Geographies of Race/Ethnicity in the United States	3
ETHS G133 or SOC G133	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity	3
ETHS G134 or SOC G134	Introduction to Chicana/o Studies	3
ETHS G150 or HIST G155	Ethnic Groups of the United States: Their Histories [#]	3
ETHS G167 or PSYC G167	Psychology of Racism and Oppression	3
ETHS G181 or PSCI G181	American Government: The Politics of Race and Ethnicity [#]	3

to fulfill a Cal-GETC subject area may be used to satisfy the LOTE requirement if it meets relevant UC criteria.

See Cal-GETC Standards 1.2 (https://icas-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Cal-GETC_Standards_1v2_2024.pdf) for additional information.

Cal-GETC, Certificate of Achievement

To receive a Certificate of Achievement in Cal-GETC:

1. Satisfactory completion of at least 12 semester units in residence within the Coast Colleges (Golden West College, Orange Coast College, and/or Coastline College).
2. A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses. Grades of "credit/pass" can be used if equivalent to a "C".
3. Students need to file a petition for the Certificate of Achievement in California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) with the Admissions and Records Office. Students who are awarded this Certificate of Achievement must also request Cal-GETC Certification when ordering their final transcript to the four-year university.

Notes

CSU US History, Constitution and American Ideals (CSU graduation requirement only - not part of Cal-GETC. May be completed prior to transfer). All CSU campuses require that a student demonstrate competence in American History and the Constitution of the United States. Completion of HIST G121 or HIST G170 or HIST G175 in Area 3B or Area 4 or HIST G155 or ETHS G150 in Area 4 or Area 6 and POLS G180 in Area 4 PSCI G181 or ETHS G181 in Area 4 or Area 6 will satisfy this requirement. Students who do not complete this requirement before transfer will need to take appropriate courses at CSU after transfer.

† Laboratory course.

* Transfer credit is limited by UC. See a Golden West College Counselor.

Language Other than English (UC graduation requirement)

The UC Language other than English (LOTE) graduation requirement is not part of Cal-GETC. Upon transfer to UC, a course that is approved