

CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

For Transfer to CSU & UC

2005 – 2006

Certification of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) will permit a student to transfer from a community college to either a California State University or a University of California campus, without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower-division, general education courses to satisfy campus general education breadth requirements.

Completion of the IGETC is not a requirement to transfer to a CSU or a UC, nor is it the only way to fulfill the lower-division, general education breadth requirements of the CSU or UC prior to transfer. Depending on a student's major and field of interest, the student may find it advantageous to take courses required by a UC or CSU campus to which the student plans to transfer.

The course requirements for all areas must be completed before the IGETC can be certified. Certification is not automatic. You must request IGETC certification with your final transcript request at the Contra Costa College Admissions and Records Office. All courses must be completed with grades "C" or better.

Legend: C = Completed; IP = In Progress; N = Needed	C	IP	N
<p>Area 1 -- English Communication CSU -- 3 courses required, one from each group below UC -- 2 courses required, one each from Group A and B</p> <p><u>Group A: English Composition</u>(1 course, 3 semester/4-5 quarter units) English 1A</p> <p><u>Group B: Critical Thinking</u> (1 course, 3 semester/4-5 quarter units) English 1C, 2B, Speech 121I</p> <p><u>Group C: Oral Communication</u> (1 course, 3 semester/4-5 quarter units) Speech 120 (required for CSU only)</p>			
<p>Area 2 -- Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (1 course, 3 semester/4-5 quarter units)</p> <p>Math 164*, 170, 171, 180*, 185, 190, 191, 200, 290, 292</p>			
<p>Area 3 -- Arts and Humanities (At least 3 courses, 9 semester/12-15 quarter units. At least 1 course from the Arts and 1 from the Humanities.)</p> <p>Art Courses: Art 116, 118, 190, 191 Drama 101, 110 Medcm 158 Music 108, 114, 115, 119, 120, 121</p> <p>Humanities Courses: African American Studies 200 Anthropology 150 Chin 121 or 121A and 121B English 1B, 163, 210A, 210B, 220A, 220B, 230A, 230B, 250A, 250B, 260A, 260B, 274 French 121 or 121A and 121B</p>			

History 110, 111, 122, 123, 124, 140, 141, 160, 161 Humanities 113, 120 La Raza Studies 130, 220, 221 Philosophy 110, 220 Spanish 121 or 121A and 121B, 220, 221			
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Area 4 -- Social and Behavioral Sciences (At least 3 courses, 9 semester/12-15 quarter units. Courses from at least 2 disciplines or an interdisciplinary sequence.) African American Studies 220 Anthropology 125, 130, 140, 150 Economics 125, 220, 221 Geography 125, 130, 150, 160 History 110, 111, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 130, 140, 141, 160, 161 La Raza Studies 113 Political Science 125, 225 Psychology 109~, 126, 130, 132, 135, 140, 141, 145, 220, 222 Social Science 140 Sociology 220, 225, 235, 245 Speech 122			
Area 5 -- Physical and Biological Sciences (At least 2 courses, 7-9 semester/9-12 quarter units. One Physical Science and one Biological Science course; at least one must include a laboratory. Courses followed by a pound (#) sign or the letter (L) include a laboratory component.) Physical Science Courses: Astronomy 120 Chemistry 109#, 119#, 120#, 121#, 220#, 226#, 227# Geography 120, 120L, 125 Geology 120, 120L Physics 110*, 110L, 120#*, 120H#*, 121#*, 121H#*, 130#*, 230#*, 231# Biological Science Courses: Anthropology 140 Biological Science 110#*, 132#, 134#, 140#, 141#, 148#			
Area 6 -- Language Other Than English (UC requirement only) Proficiency equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language with grade of "C" or better, OR earn a score of 3 or higher on a Foreign Language Advance Placement Test, OR a score of 590 on the SAT II: Subject Test in languages other than English-if taken after May 1995, OR completion with "C" grades or better, of two years of formal schooling sixth grade level or higher in an institution where the language of instruction is not English (appropriate documentation of attendance must be presented to CCC Admissions and Records Office) OR one of the following courses here at CCC: Chinese 120 or 120A* and 120B* French 120 or 120A* and 120B* Japanese 120 or 120A* and 120B* Spanish 120 or 120A* and 120B*			
Area 7 -- CSU Graduate Requirements in U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals (Not part of IGETC; however, may be completed prior to transfer; 6			

Units, one course from Group 1 and one course from Group 2) 1. History 120, 121, 122, 123 2. Political Science 125			
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* = Indicates transfer credit for this course may be limited by either CSU or UC or both.

H = Physics courses H requires a higher level of math.

+ = Geography or Geology 120 may be taken alone as a non-lab course, but Geography or Geology 120L must be taken with Geography or Geology120 to fulfill the lab course requirement.

~ = Concurrent enrollment in Biology 109; both courses must be taken for certification purposes.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IGETC

- 1. What is IGETC? *IGETC stands for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum.*** It is a general education program 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 program be completed prior to transfer? *Yes.*** In most cases, 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. However, under a "good cause" provision, a student may petition and be eligible to complete IGETC after transferring. (Check with your counselor, the Transfer/Career Center or the Office of Admissions & Records for this policy.)
- 5. May coursework taken at other institutions be used to certify a student's completion of IGETC? *Yes, with stipulations.*** Contra Costa College will certify courses taken at other accredited colleges and universities under the following conditions: Contra Costa College 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 Contra Costa College's IGETC list. However, except for California community colleges, coursework from other institutions will not be used to fulfill the critical thinking/English composition requirement (Area 1B). In addition, foreign coursework may not be part of a student's IGETC certification. To have your previous schools record evaluated for IGETC certification, please have your official transcript sent to the Contra Costa College Admissions and Records Office and complete an evaluation request form. When your evaluation is completed make a counseling appointment requesting an IGETC evaluation.
- 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. 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 used to satisfy the IGETC requirements may be double counted toward preparation for major requirements except for individual CSU campus restrictions.
- 9. Can Advanced Placement scores be applied to IGETC? *Yes.*** Please refer to please meet with a counselor for the specific tests and scores required to be applied to IGETC. Applications of AP scores to IGETC may vary from one UC to the next.
- 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.*** You must apply for IGETC certification at the Contra Costa College Admissions Office when you request your final transcript to be sent to the school to which you will be transferring.

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 (L&S Essential Skills) 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* students enter Berkeley for the fall semester. However, preparation for the major is crucial.

UC Berkeley graduation requirement in American Culture: Speech 122 – if taken Spring 1994 or later.

Davis: AB degrees work well with IGETC; students are able to complete major prep and IGETC before transfer. For BS degrees or high unit majors, IGETC is not recommended. Preparation for the major is most important and campus GE lets students focus on the courses for their major. IGETC is not advised for the following: all majors in the Division of Biological Sciences; all majors in the College of Engineering; majors in 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, Fermentation Science, Food Science, Nutrition Science and Physics.

UC Davis graduation requirement: Speech 120

Irvine: Students entering any major may use IGETC, but should consider lower-division degree requirements and major preparation when planning their courses. 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 and School of Nursing.

Merced: IGETC is not recommended for Divisions of Engineering and Natural Sciences.

Riverside: IGETC is not accepted by the Bourns College of Engineering and the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Business Administration majors are encouraged to complete the IGETC, as well as lower division major preparation to promote admission to the major. Students majoring in the mathematics, biological and physical sciences should be aware that these majors require extensive lower division course preparation. It is to the student's advantage to prioritize this major preparation over IGETC.

San Diego: The IGETC is not appropriate for students transferring to majors in the Division of Engineering. Students entering any other major, however, can successfully use IGETC. Eleanor Roosevelt and Revelle Colleges accept IGETC but additional courses are required after transfer.

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

Santa Barbara: The IGETC is accepted but not recommended for students transferring to the College of Engineering, students planning to major in Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Geological Sciences, Theater (BFA program) or Music (BMA program). Students must be careful to complete lower division major prerequisites.

Santa Cruz: Although IGETC is acceptable for all majors at UCSC, students planning to pursue majors that require substantial preparation, such as sciences or environmental studies, should give priority to the completion of lower division major prerequisites. For high unit majors in the physical and biological sciences, engineering, and selective majors IGETC is not recommended as students may jeopardize ability to join their selected major due to lack of lower division course completion.