

# California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE)

## About the CSU GE Pattern

The California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE) pattern is one option that allows California community college transfer students to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements of any California State University (CSU) campus. The curriculum consists of a 39-unit pattern with five areas of concentration described in the CSU GE pattern.

For assistance in determining the most appropriate general education program, consult a counselor.

## Certification of CSU GE Requirements

Official notification from a California community college that a transfer student has completed courses fulfilling lower-division general education requirements occurs through a process of "certification." Certification is a legal agreement between the CSU and California Community Colleges.

It is the policy of Bakersfield College to provide certification of general education breadth requirements when such service is requested by the student or whenever a student requests that a transcript be sent to a CSU or UC if the student has completed all of 39 units for certification. Certification of general education courses is generally requested when the CSU GE pattern has been completed.

## Additional CSU GE Information and Restrictions

- Completion of the CSU GE pattern is not an admission requirement nor does completion guarantee admission to any CSU campus or program.
- Certification is based on approved courses listed in the Bakersfield College CSU GE pattern or from other regionally accredited institutions. Courses taken at other community colleges must fulfill the appropriate GE breadth area as defined by that college.
- Courses completed at a foreign college or university cannot be used to satisfy requirements for certification.
- Catalog rights do not apply to the CSU GE pattern
- Prior to certification, students must complete a minimum of 24 units in residence at Bakersfield College.
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be on file before submitting an application for certification. The application is available in the Admission and Records office.
- The CSU GE pattern is accepted by some California private and independent colleges and universities in satisfying lower division general education requirements.
- For additional information, consult a counselor.

## The CSU GE Pattern

California State University General Education Breadth Course List:

**A. English Language Communication and Critical Thinking:** A minimum of nine semester units in both oral and written 48 communications in the English language, and critical thinking and reasoning. AP credit may not be used for A.3

**A.1. Oral Communication:** COMM B1, B4, B8

**A.2. Written Communication:** ENGL B1a

**A.3. Critical Thinking:** PHIL B7, B9; ENGL B1b, B2, B3; COMM B5

**B. Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning:** A minimum of nine semester units including instruction in physical (B.1) and life science (B.2) and instruction in math/quantitative reasoning (B.4). One of the two science courses from B.1 or B.2 must include a lab. Courses with a lab are shown with an asterisk (\*) and separate lab courses are listed in B.3.

### B.1. Physical Universe:

ASTR B1, B2, B3

CHEM B1a\*, B2a\*, B11\*, B18\*, B30a, B30b

ERSC B10

GEOG B1, B3

GEOL B10, B11

PHYS B2a\*, B4a\*

PHSC B12\*

### B.2. Life Science:

ANTH B1

BIOL B3a\*, B3b\*, B11\*, B16\*, B18\*, B32\*, B33\*

CRPS B10\*

PSYC B1b

**B.3. Laboratory Activity:** At least one course shown with an asterisk (\*) in Areas B.1 or B.2 or one of the following:

ERSC B10L

GEOG B1L

GEOL B10L, B11L

Courses from B.1 and B.2 with an \* also satisfy the B.3 lab requirement.

### B.4. Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning:

MATH B1a, B1b, B2, B6a, B6b, B6c, B6d, B6e, B22, B23

PSYC B5

**C. Arts and Humanities:** A minimum of nine semester units among the arts, literature, philosophy and foreign languages. Every attempt should be made to include western and non-western cultures. At least one course must be taken from arts and one from humanities.

### C.1. Arts (Art, Dance, Music, Theatre):

ART B1, B2, B4, B13, B35, B36, B37

MUSC B2, B4a, B4b, B21a, B21b, B22, B23, B24, B27

THEA B1, B2a, B2b, B12a, B20, B31, B32

### C.2. Humanities (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Languages):

ASL B1, B2, B3

ENGL B1b, B5a, B5b, B10, B20a, B21, B24, B27, B28, B30a, B30b

HIST B1, B15, B18

JAPN B1, B2

PHIL B6a, B9, B10, B12, B18, B37

SPAN B2, B3, B4, B35, B36

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**D. Social Sciences:** A minimum of nine semester units dealing with human social, political, and economic institutions and behavior and their historical background. Fulfillment of this requirement must include courses taken in at least two disciplines. Every effort should be made to include western or non-western cultures. See notes below for information concerning additional requirements.

**D.1. Anthropology and Archaeology:**

ANTH B2, B3, B5

**D.2. Economics:**

AGBS B2  
ECON B1, B2

**D.3. Ethnic Studies:**

ANTH B5  
COMM B6  
HIST B20a, B20b, B30a, B30b, B36  
SOC I B28, B36, B45

**D.4. Gender Studies:**

HIST B25  
SOC I B28

**D.5. Geography:**

GEOG B2, B5

**D.6. History:**

HIST B1, B2, B4a, B4b, B15, B17a, B17b, B18, B20a, B20b, B25, B30a, B30b, B33, B36

**D.7. Interdisciplinary Social or Behavioral Science:**

AGRI B1  
CHDV B21, B42  
COMM B6, B7  
PSYC B40

**D.8. Political Science, Government, and Legal Institutions:**

ADMJ B40  
JRNL B1  
POLS B1, B2, B3, B12, B16

**D.9. Psychology:**

PSYC B1a, B6, B20 (SOC I B20), B33, B40

**D.10. Sociology and Criminology:**

ADMJ B40  
CRIM B1, B5  
SOC I B1, B2, B20 (PSYC B20), B28, B36, B45

**E. Lifelong Learning and Self-Development:** A minimum of three semester units in study designed to equip human beings for lifelong understanding and development of themselves as integrated physiological and psychological entities. A maximum of one unit of credit is allowed for physical education activity courses in this area.

CHDV B21, B42

FORE B2

HLED B1

MEDS B35

NUTR B10

PHIL B12

PSYC B1a, B30, B33, B40

SOCI B28

STDV B3, B6

PHED B3adp, B10, B11, B12, B13, B14, B16, B17, B20, B22, B23, B24, B25, B26, B27, B28, B29, B32, B33.

## CSU U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals Certification Courses

The California State University, before awarding a degree, requires students to complete courses or examinations that address:

1. The historical development of American institutions and ideals (Area US-1), and
2. The Constitution of the United States and the operation of representative democratic government under that Constitution (Area US-2), and
3. The process of California state and local government (Area US-3).

This requirement may be fulfilled at a California Community College prior to transfer by completing a combination of courses that satisfies all three areas of the requirement. The requirement may also be completed at a CSU campus after transfer. Courses approved in two US areas may be used to satisfy both areas. Although this requirement is not part of the General Education requirements for CSU, all students must complete course work in U.S. History, Constitution and Government before graduation from a CSU campus. The courses may also be used to partially fulfill Area D of the CSU General Education Breadth requirements.

Completion of these courses at Bakersfield College is recommended and is not required for Certification. Students who wish to meet these requirements at Bakersfield College prior to transferring to a CSU campus may take up to six semester units from the combinations below.

**POLS B1** and one of the following: HIST B17a, B17b, B20a, B20b, B30a B30b, B36, or HIST B17a and POLS B1 or POLS B12 or HIST B18.