



2024-25 FRESNO CITY COLLEGE

CSU GENERAL EDUCATION PATTERN

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Needed	In Progress	Completed	Area Completed
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AREA A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking: 9 semester or 12-15 quarter units required with at least one course each from A1, A2, and A3.			
NOTE: Minimum grade of "C" (2.0) or better required from A1, A2, and A3.			
A1. Oral Communication (3 semester units minimum): COMM 1, 2, 4, 8/8H			
A2. Written Communication (3 semester units minimum): ENGL 1A/1AH			
A3. Critical Thinking (3 semester units minimum): COMM 25; CRIM 13; ENGL 3/3H; PHIL 2/2H, 6; POLSCI 13; SOC 1B			
AREA B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning: 9 semester or 12-15 quarter units required with at least one course each from B1, B2, and B4 (at least one course from B1 or B2 must have a lab – indicated by (L)). NOTE: Minimum grade of "C" (2.0) or better required for B4.			
B1. Physical Science (3 semester units minimum): ASTRO 10(L),15(L), 20(L); CHEM 1A(L), 1B(L), 3A(L), 3B(L), 6B(L) 8A, 28A, 28B; GEOG 1(L), 8(L); GEOL 1(L), 2(L), 4, 5, 9(L), 12; NATSCI 1A(L); PHYS 2A(L), 2B(L), 4A(L), 4B(L), 4C(L); PHYSC 11			
B2. Life Science (3 semester units minimum): ANTHRO 1; BIOL 3(L), 5(L), 7(L), 11A(L), 11B (L), 14, 15(L), 16(L), 20(L), 21A(L), 21B(L), 22(L), 31(L), 55			
B3. Laboratory Activity: Did you complete a course from B1 or B2 with a lab? OR one of the following: ANTHRO 1L; CHEM 29A(L), 29B(L); GEOL 12L			
B4. Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (3 semester units minimum): CSCI 26; DS 21, 23; MATH 3A, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6, 10A, 10B, 11/11H, 17, 21, 26,45; MATH/PSY 42 Minimum grade of "C" or better required			
AREA C: Arts and Humanities: 9 semester or 12-15 quarter units with at least one course each from C1 and C2.			
NOTE: An additional course may be needed to fulfill AREA C.			
C1. Arts (3 semester units minimum): AFRAM 3, 8, 15; AMIND 35; ARCH 15A, 15B; ART 2, 3, 5/5H, 6/6H, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, 14, 15, 17, 50, 60, 70; ART/ASAMER 55; CLS 20, 22; COMM/TA 12; DANCE 30, DANCE/CLS 17A, 27B; FILM *1, *2A,* 2B, 6; MUS 3, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17; PHOTO 5; TA 30, 31, 44A			
C2. Humanities (3 semester units minimum): AFRAM/ENGL 17; ARMEN 1, 2 (Phase out Fall 2026); ASAMER 8; ASL 1, 2 (Phase out Fall 2026), 3, 4, 5, 7, 8;CHIN 1, 2; CLS 21, ENGL 1B, 12, 14, 15A, 15B, 40, 44A, 44B, 45, 46A, 46B, 47, 48A, 48B; FILM *1, *2A, *2B, 3; FRENCH 1, 2, 3; GERMAN 1, 2; HIST *1, *2; HMONG 1, 2; HUMAN 10, 11; HUMAN/ENGL 42; JAPAN 1, 2; LING 10; PHIL 1A/1AH, 1B, 1C/1CH, 3A, 3B; POLSCI *3; PORT 1, 2; SPAN 1, 2, 2NS 3, 3NS, 4, 4NS, 5, 6, 7, 9, 41; TA 32;WSTS/ENGL 36			
The remaining units can be selected from C1 or C2.			
AREA D: Social Sciences:6 semester unit or 8 quarter units.			
NOTE: Two different disciplines are recommended but not required. POLSCI 2/2H AND HIST 11 or 12/12H will meet the American Institutions requirement for the CSU graduation requirements.			
AFRAM 1, 4, AFRAM/HIST 34; AMIND 31, 34; ANTHRO 2/2H, 3, 4, 8, 12; ASAMER 1, 10,15, 25; BA 20; CLS 11, 12A, 12B; CHDEV 30; ECON 25, 40/40H, 50/50H; ETHNST 10, 11; GEOG 2, 4A, 4B, 6, 20; GLST 1, 2; HIST *1, *2, 3, 11, 12/12H, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 30, 35; HIST/CLS 29; HIST/WSTS 22; HS/SOC 10; JOURN 1, 16; PSY *2/2H; PSY/CHDEV *38, *39; POLSCI 1, 2/2H, *3, 5, 24; SOC 1A/1AH, 1B, 2, 32; WSTS 10, 47			
AREA E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development: 3 semester units minimum or 4 quarter units.			
NOTE: 3 units of Physical Education (PE) alone is insufficient to fulfill AREA E.			
CHDEV/PSY *38, *39; COUN 53; FN 35, 40; HLTH 1; PE 4, 4B, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 12B, 13, 13B, 14, 14B, 15A, 15B, 15C, 17, 17B, 27, 29B, 29C, 30B, 30C, 31B, 31C, 32B, 33B, 33C, 34B, 34C, 35B, 36B, 36C, 37B, 37C, 38B, 38C, 39B, 39C, 40B, 40C, 41B, 41C, 42B, 42C, 43B, 43C, 44B, 44C, 45, 46B, 46C, 47B, 47C, 71, 72; PSY *2/2H, 25, 33			
AREA F: Ethnic Studies: 3 semester units or 4 quarter units.			
AFRAM 1; AMIND 31; ASAMER 15, 25; CLS 11, 12A, 12B, CLS/WSTS 24, CLS 33; ETHNST 10			

ADVISING NOTES:

- California State University (CSU) transfer admission requirements include the completion of minimum 60 transferable units with a 2.0 or higher GPA and 30 units of general education courses with "C" or better grades, including Oral Communication (A1), Written Communication (A2), Critical Thinking (A3), and Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (B4). Students will need to complete additional coursework in their major and maybe some elective courses. Please consult ASSIST for applicable major coursework and see a counselor to develop a Student Educational Plan (SEP).
- The above courses are **CSU GE-BREADTH APPROVED FOR FRESNO CITY COLLEGE ONLY**. Students completing courses at other California community colleges, in particular Reedley College, Madera Community College, Oakhurst Community College Center, and Clovis Community College, should carefully review course differences in GE placement. GE courses taken outside of the FCC GE Breadth will be pass-along/certified in the area for which they were approved at the college where the course was taken.
- *Courses listed above in more than one location will only be counted one time. Also, the same course, e.g., CLS 29/HIST 29, can be counted only once. After completing one of these courses, see a Counselor to identify which area you intended to use the course so that the course is coded correctly for your CSU GE certification.
- Students may not elect CR/NC graded coursework to satisfy major, major G.E., or major additional requirements unless the course has been designated CR/NC only.
- Students who have completed College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examinations with a score of 3 or higher and submit an official College Grade Report from the College Board can receive units of college credit for each examination. See a counselor for a complete list of AP examination credit.
- To earn an AA-T or AS-T Degree at Fresno City College** - students must complete maximum of 60 CSU transferrable course using CSU GE Breadth pattern or IGETC/CSU pattern with a minimum 2.0 GPA and have a minimum of 18 major units. Students must apply for the AA-T or AS-T using Self-Service.

CSU GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the California State University (CSU) General Education Breadth (GE-Breadth)?

The CSU GE Breadth lists the coursework that allows students to fulfill 39 units of lower division general education at a California Community College prior to transferring to a CSU.

2. Is a minimum grade in all General Education courses required?

Students must have a "C" (2.0) or better in (A1) Communication, (A2) English, (A3) Critical Thinking, and (B4) Mathematics and 30 units of general education courses with "C" or better grades. Courses with a grade of "D" in other areas are acceptable provided that the student has a cumulative 2.0 or higher GPA. Most CSU departments require a "C" or better in all courses, including GE, required in the major.

3. Are credit/no credit courses acceptable?

Credit/No Credit (pass/fail) grading is acceptable for CSU GE, since Fresno City College has a "C" (2.0) or better grade policy that must be earned for the credit or pass grade. Some CSU campuses have limitations on the number of 'pass/no pass' courses that may be used towards degree requirements. Please check with your counselor.

4. Will "double counting" be allowed where the same course meets a GE requirement and is also required as preparation for the major?

Yes. Students may 'double-count' courses towards major and general education requirements. However, some CSU campuses have limits on the number of courses that can be double-counted. Please check with your counselor regarding this policy. Go to www.assist.org to view the courses needed to prepare for your chosen major.

5. Is it advisable for all CSU transfer students to follow the General Education Breadth?

Most should, but students pursuing majors that require extensive lower division major preparation such as ENGINEERING may find that the full CSU General Education pattern is not required and LIBERAL STUDIES majors should NOT follow this GE pattern. Students who are attending a CSU or UC and have declared in these majors should use ASSIST for major and general education preparation. Students are recommended to consult with a counselor.

6. What if I don't complete the entire General Education Breadth prior to enrolling at a CSU?

If the GE Plan is not completed and CERTIFIED prior to transfer, students must meet the lower division general education requirements *of the areas not certified* for the CSU campus to which they transfer. This means that students may be required to take additional GE classes because the courses required are slightly different.

7. Is completion of the CSU GE Certification an admission requirement?

No. Completion of the CSU GE Certification is not an admissions requirement. However, students are advised to complete the CSU GE Breadth and their major preparation courses prior to transfer. You can view major preparation courses at www.assist.org

8. Must the entire General Education pattern be completed in order for a student to be certified?

To qualify for "full certification", a student must satisfactorily complete no fewer than 39 lower-division semester units or 58 lower-division quarter units in all Areas A-F.

Students can request a "partial certification" in which students have completed 1 or more subject areas and met the minimum unit requirements. For the subject areas not completed, students will be required to complete the lower division general education requirements at the CSU campus to which they transfer. These requirements vary from campus to campus.

9. When do I request General Education CERTIFICATION?

Students should request for certification at the end of their last semester at FCC before transferring. This requires a counseling appointment. FCC must have official transcripts on file at the Admissions Office if courses from another college are being used towards certification. Official copies of test results from Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) must be on file at the FCC Admissions Office if the student wishes to use these tests towards GE certification.

Students must REQUEST CSU GE CERTIFICATION at the time they order their FINAL transcripts at the admissions office before transferring to a CSU campus. Transcript request forms are available online at www.fresnocitycollege.edu, select Forms –Online.

When a student requests CSU certification, the community college verifies that the student has completed courses that satisfy all or a portion of the 39 units of CSU GE requirements.

10. Do you need an Associate (AA or AS) degree to transfer?

No. You do not need an associate degree to transfer; HOWEVER, with SB 1440 students who completed additional major courses not part of the CSU GE Pattern and receive the Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) will be guaranteed transfer admission to a CSU.

NOTE: Students who earn an Associate Degree Transfer (ADT) and meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to a CSU, but not necessarily to a particular campus or major. With the ADT, you may be given a GPA bump when applying to an impacted campus outside your local area or an impacted major that is deemed similar. See a counselor for more information.

In addition, once at the CSU, if you are admitted and enrolled in a designated similar degree program you have the opportunity to complete your bachelor's degree with as little as 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of coursework. A counselor will help you determine which CSUs offer bachelor's degrees that correspond to your AA-T or AS-T degree. It is still important for you to apply to the schools that interest you and follow admissions deadlines to be considered.

11. How do I request official transcripts?

Official transcripts are processed through the FCC Admissions and Records Office. If students have questions or concerns regarding their transcript request, please call the Admissions & Records Office at (559) 442-8228. Students may track their transcript request 48 hours after it has been submitted by logging into Self-Service and select "Transcript Request" under Academic Profile.