

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: CAL-GETC

California General Education Transfer Curriculum Cal-GETC

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the singular general education pathway 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).

AREA 1 - English Communication

Select three courses: one course from English Composition, one course from Critical Thinking and Composition, and one course from Oral Communication. 9 semester or 12 quarter units.

Course	Title	Credits
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1A. English Composition: Select one course, 3 semester/ 4 quarter units

English

ENGL-C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	3
ENGL-C1000H	Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	3

1B. Critical Thinking- English Composition: Select one course, 3 semester/ 4 quarter units

English

ENGL-C1001	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
ENGL-C1001H	Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	3

Philosophy

PHIL-112	Critical Thinking and Composition	3
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1C. Oral Communication: Select one course, 3 semester/ 4 quarter units

Communication

COMM-C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMM-C1000H	Introduction to Public Speaking - Honors	3

AREA 2 - Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning

Select one course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units.

Course	Title	Credits
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Computer Science

CSIS-213	Discrete Structures	3
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Mathematics

MATH-105	College Algebra	4
MATH-105H	Honors College Algebra	4
MATH-110	Pre-Calculus	4
MATH-115	Ideas of Mathematics	3
MATH-135	Calculus for Social Science and Business	3
MATH-211	Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	4
MATH-211H	Honors Analytic Geometry and Calculus I	4
MATH-212	Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	4
MATH-212H	Honors Analytic Geometry and Calculus II	4
MATH-213	Analytic Geometry and Calculus III	5
MATH-213H	Honors Analytic Geometry and Calculus III	5

MATH-215	Differential Equations	4
MATH-215H	Honors Differential Equations	4
MATH-218	Linear Algebra	3

Psychology/Sociology

PSYC-121	Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3
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Statistics

STAT-C1000	Introduction to Statistics	3
STAT-C1000H	Introduction to Statistics - Honors	3

AREA 3 - Arts and Humanities

Select two courses: one course from the Arts and one course from Humanities. 6 semester or 8 quarter units.

Course	Title	Credits
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3A. Arts

Art

ART-100	Art Appreciation	3
ART-101	Art History: Prehistoric Through Medieval Art	3
ART-101H	Honors Art History: Prehistoric Through Medieval Art	3
ART-102	Art History: Renaissance to 21st Century (formerly Art History: Renaissance to 20th Century Art)	3
ART-102H	Honors Art History: Renaissance to 21st Century (formerly Art History: Renaissance to 20th Century Art)	3

ART-103	Introduction to Modernism	3
ART-103H	Honors Introduction to Modernism	3
ART-104	World Art	3
ART-104H	Honors World Art	3

Dance

DAN-100/HIST-151	History and Appreciation of Dance	3
DAN-125	Choreography I	3
DAN-133	History of Popular Dance in the United States	3
DAN-225	Choreography II	3

History

HIST-151/DAN-100	History and Appreciation of Dance	3
HIST-165/THA-155	Musical Theater History	3

Music

MUS-100	Introduction and Appreciation of Music	3
MUS-100H	Honors Introduction and Appreciation of Music	3
MUS-106	History of Rock & Roll	3
MUS-107	Introduction and Appreciation of American Music	3
MUS-107H	Honors Introduction and Appreciation of American Music	3
MUS-108	History of Jazz and Blues	3
MUS-108H	Honors History of Jazz and Blues	3
MUS-109	World Music	3

Theater Arts

THA-101	Introduction to Theater	3
THA-101H	Honors Introduction to Theater	3

THA-137	Introduction to World Cinema	3	HIST-117	History of India	3
THA-137H	Honors Introduction to World Cinema	3	HIST-117H	Honors History of India	3
THA-155/HIST-165	Musical Theater History	3	HIST-118	History of World Religions (formerly HUM-104 World Religions)	3
3B. Humanities			HIST/THA-136	Cultural History of American Motion Pictures	3
<i>American Sign Language</i>			HIST-140	History of Mexico	3
ASL-101	American Sign Language II	4	HIST-140H	Honors History of Mexico	3
ASL-110	Deaf Culture and Community	3	HIST-151/DAN-100	History and Appreciation of Dance	3
ASL-201	American Sign Language III (formerly ASL-103)	4	HIST-154/THA-102	Theater History	3
ASL-202	American Sign Language IV (formerly ASL-104)	4	<i>Literature</i>		
<i>Anthropology</i>			LIT-106	Introduction to Literature (formerly ENGL-106)	3
ANTH-145	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (formerly Introduction to Language and Linguistics)	3	LIT-106H	Honors Introduction to Literature (formerly ENGL-106H)	3
ANTH-145H	Honors Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology (formerly Introduction to Language and Linguistics)	3	LIT-131	Children's Literature	3
<i>Dance</i>			LIT-131H	Honors Children's Literature	3
DAN-100/HIST-151	History and Appreciation of Dance	3	LIT/ED-132	Adolescent Literature	3
<i>Education</i>			LIT/ED-132H	Honors Adolescent Literature	3
ED-132	Adolescent Literature	3	LIT-205	World Mythology and Folklore	3
ED-132H	Honors Adolescent Literature	3	LIT-205H	Honors World Mythology and Folklore	3
<i>Ethnic Studies</i>			LIT-207	American Literature: Pre-Colonial to 1865	3
ETHS/LIT-240	American Indian Literature	3	LIT-207H	Honors American Literature: Pre-Colonial to 1865	3
ETHS/LIT-240H	Honors American Indian Literature	3	LIT-208	American Literature: 1865 to Present	3
ETHS/LIT-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	3	LIT-208H	Honors American Literature: 1865 to Present	3
ETHS/LIT-275H	Honors Latinx/Chicanx Literature	3	LIT-225	Film and Literature (formerly ENGL-225)	3
ETHS/LIT-280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	3	LIT-225H	Honors Film and Literature (formerly ENGL-225H)	3
ETHS/LIT-280H	Honors Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280H)	3	LIT-230	English Literature to 1775	3
<i>French</i>			LIT-230H	Honors English Literature to 1775	3
FREN-102	Elementary French II	4	LIT-231	English Literature: 1775 to Present (formerly ENGL-231)	3
FREN-201	Intermediate French I	4	LIT-231H	Honors English Literature: 1775 to Present (formerly ENGL-231H)	3
<i>History</i>			LIT/ETHS-240	American Indian Literature (formerly ENGL-240)	3
HIST-101	Western Civilization to 1650 (formerly Western Civilization I: to 1500)	3	LIT/ETHS-240H	Honors American Indian Literature (formerly ENGL-240H)	3
HIST-101H	Honors Western Civilization to 1650 (formerly Western Civilization I: to 1500)	3	LIT-255	Gender and Sexuality in Literature	3
HIST-102	Western Civilization Since 1650	3	LIT-255H	Honors Gender and Sexuality in Literature	3
HIST-102H	Honors Western Civilization Since 1650	3	LIT-260	Introduction to African American Literature (formerly ENGL-260)	3
HIST-103	World History to 1500	3	LIT-260H	Honors Introduction to African American Literature (formerly ENGL-260H)	3
HIST-103H	Honors World History to 1500	3	LIT/ETHS-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	3
HIST-104	World History Since 1500	3	LIT/ETHS-275H	Honors Latinx/Chicanx Literature	3
HIST-104H	Honors World History Since 1500	3	LIT/ETHS-280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	3
HIST-106	The World Since 1900	3	LIT/ETHS-280H	Honors Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280H)	3
HIST-106H	Honors The World Since 1900	3	<i>Philosophy</i>		
HIST-107	The History of East Asia Before 1600	3	PHIL-101	Introduction to Philosophy I	3
HIST-107H	Honors the History of East Asia Before 1600	3	PHIL-101H	Honors Introduction to Philosophy I	3
HIST-108	The History of East Asia Since 1600	3			
HIST-108H	Honors the History of East Asia Since 1600	3			
HIST-111H	Honors U.S. History to 1877	3			
HIST-112H	Honors U.S. History Since 1865	3			

PHIL-105	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHIL-109	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3
PHIL-110	Modern and Contemporary Philosophy (formerly Renaissance and Modern Philosophy)	3
<i>Spanish</i>		
SPAN-102	Elementary Spanish II	4
SPAN-141	Spanish through Film (formerly SPAN-240)	3
SPAN-201	Intermediate Spanish I	4
SPAN-202	Intermediate Spanish II	4
SPAN-203	Spanish for Native Speakers I	4
SPAN-204	Spanish for Native Speakers II	4
SPAN-251	Intermediate Spanish Conversation I	3
SPAN-252	Intermediate Spanish Conversation II	3
<i>Theater Arts</i>		
THA-102/HIST-154	Theater History	3
THA-135	Introduction to Film	3
THA/HIST-136	Cultural History of American Motion Pictures	3

AREA 4 - Social and Behavioral Sciences

Select two courses from two disciplines. 6 semester or 8 quarter units.

Course	Title	Credits
<i>Administration of Justice</i>		
AJ-102	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
<i>Anthropology</i>		
ANTH-102	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH-102H	Honors Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH-104	World Prehistory	3
ANTH-104H	Honors World Prehistory	3
ANTH-105	North American Indians (formerly ANTH-103A)	3
ANTH-107	Indigenous People of Latin America (formerly ANTH-103D Latin American Cultures)	3
ANTH-115	Introduction to Archaeology	3
ANTH-115H	Honors Introduction to Archaeology	3
ANTH/HIST-121	Indigenous Peoples of California	3
ANTH-125	Magic, Witchcraft and Religion	3
ANTH-125H	Honors Magic, Witchcraft and Religion	3
<i>Biology</i>		
BIOL/HIST-128	History of Science	3
BIOL/HIST-128H	Honors History of Science	3
<i>Child Development & Education</i>		
CDE-110	Child Development	3
CDE-110H	Honors Child Development	3
Communication		
COMM-108	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM-108H	Honors Intercultural Communication	3
COMM-516	Gender and Communication (formerly COMM-116)	3
<i>Economics</i>		
ECON-201	Principles of Macroeconomics	3

ECON-201H	Honors Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON-202	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECON-202H	Honors Principles of Microeconomics	3
<i>Ethnic Studies</i>		
ETHS/PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	3
ETHS/PS-103H	Honors Ethnic Politics in America	3
ETHS-112	Introduction to Chicana/o/x Studies	3
ETHS/SJS-113	Introduction to Black Studies	3
ETHS/SJS-113H	Honors Introduction to Black Studies	3
ETHS/HIST-160	Black History in the American Context	3
ETHS/HIST-160H	Honors Black History in the American Context	3
<i>Geography</i>		
GEOG-102	Cultural Geography	3
GEOG-107	Urban Geography	3
GEOG-108	World Regional Geography	3
GEOG-111	Geography of California	3
<i>History</i>		
HIST-101	Western Civilization to 1650 (formerly Western Civilization I: to 1500)	3
HIST-101H	Honors Western Civilization to 1650 (formerly Western Civilization I: to 1500)	3
HIST-102	Western Civilization Since 1650	3
HIST-102H	Honors Western Civilization Since 1650	3
HIST-103	World History to 1500	3
HIST-103H	Honors World History to 1500	3
HIST-104	World History Since 1500	3
HIST-104H	Honors World History Since 1500	3
HIST-106	The World Since 1900	3
HIST-106H	Honors The World Since 1900	3
HIST-107	The History of East Asia Before 1600	3
HIST-107H	Honors the History of East Asia Before 1600	3
HIST-108	The History of East Asia Since 1600	3
HIST-108H	Honors the History of East Asia Since 1600	3
HIST-111	U.S. History to 1877	3
HIST-111H	Honors U.S. History to 1877	3
HIST-112	U.S. History Since 1865	3
HIST-112H	Honors U.S. History Since 1865	3
HIST-115	Women in United States History	3
HIST-115H	Honors Women in United States History	3
HIST-117	History of India	3
HIST-117H	Honors History of India	3
HIST-120	California History	3
HIST-120H	Honors California History	3
HIST/ANTH-121	Indigenous Peoples of California	3
HIST-124	Recent America: The U.S. Since 1945	3
HIST-124H	Honors Recent America: The U.S. Since 1945	3
HIST-125	Military History of the United States	3
HIST/BIOL-128	History of Science	3
HIST/BIOL-128H	Honors History of Science	3

HIST/THA-136	Cultural History of American Motion Pictures	3
HIST-140	History of Mexico	3
HIST-140H	Honors History of Mexico	3
HIST-141	History of Latin America to 1820	3
HIST-142	History of Latin America Since 1820	3
HIST/ETHS-160	Black History in the American Context	3
HIST/ETHS-160H	Honors Black History in the American Context	3
<i>Physical Education</i>		
PE-126	Sport Psychology	3
<i>Political Science</i>		
POLS-C1000	American Government and Politics	3
POLS-C1000H	American Government and Politics - Honors	3
PS-102	Comparative Politics and Government	3
PS-102H	Honors Comparative Politics and Government	3
PS/ETHS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	3
PS/ETHS-103H	Honors Ethnic Politics in America	3
PS-105	Introduction to Political Theory	3
PS-105H	Honors Introduction to Political Theory	3
PS-106	Introduction to International Relations	3
PS-106H	Honors Introduction to International Relations	3
PS-120	California Government	3
PS-120H	Honors California Government	3
<i>Psychology</i>		
PSYC-C1000	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC-C1000H	Introduction to Psychology - Honors	3
PSYC-102	Personal Growth	3
PSYC-103	Human Development	3
PSYC-103H	Honors Human Development	3
PSYC-104	Psychology of Gender	3
PSYC-104H	Honors Psychology of Gender	3
PSYC/SOCI-105	Social Psychology	3
PSYC/SOCI-105H	Honors Social Psychology	3
PSYC-107	Psychobiology	3
PSYC-107H	Honors Psychobiology	3
PSYC-108	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC-108H	Honors Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC/SOCI-112	Gender and Social Interaction	3
PSYC-124	Social Research Methodology With Lab	4
PSYC-124H	Honors Social Research Methodology With Lab	4
<i>Social Justice Studies</i>		
SJS-101	Introduction to Social Justice Studies	3
SJS-101H	Honors Introduction to Social Justice Studies	3
SJS/ETHS-113	Introduction to Black Studies	3
SJS/ETHS-113H	Honors Introduction to Black Studies	3
SJS-130	Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Queer Studies	3

Sociology

SOCI-101	Principles of Sociology	3
SOCI-101H	Honors Principles of Sociology	3
SOCI-102	Contemporary Social Problems	3
SOCI-103	Marriage and the Family	3
SOCI/PSYC-105	Social Psychology	3
SOCI/PSYC-105H	Honors Social Psychology	3
SOCI-106	Intercultural Relations	3
SOCI-108	Human Sexuality	3
SOCI-110	Media and Society	3
SOCI/PSYC-112	Gender and Social Interaction	3
SOCI-115	Contemporary Chicano in Society	3
SOCI-125	Crime and Society	3
<i>Theater Arts</i>		
THA/HIST-136	Cultural History of American Motion Pictures	3

AREA 5 - Physical and Biological Sciences

Select two courses: one course from Physical Science and one course from Biological Science. One of the two courses must contain a laboratory component. 7 semester units or 9 quarter units.

Course	Title	Credits
5A. Physical Science		
<i>Astronomy</i>		
ASTR-101	Introduction to Astronomy	4
ASTR/GEOL-111	Planetary Astronomy	3
<i>Chemistry</i>		
CHEM-100	Introduction to Chemistry	4
CHEM-101	General Chemistry I	5
CHEM-101H	Honors General Chemistry I	5
CHEM-102	General Chemistry II	5
CHEM-107	Chemistry of Life	5
CHEM-112	Organic Chemistry I	5
CHEM-113	Organic Chemistry II	5
CHEM-113H	Honors Organic Chemistry II	5
<i>Environmental Studies</i>		
ENVS-100	Humans and Scientific Inquiry	3
ENVS-100H	Honors Humans and Scientific Inquiry	3
ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
ENVS-101H	Honors Environmental Science	3
<i>Geography</i>		
GEOG-101	Physical Geography	3
GEOG-106	Introduction to Weather and Climate	3
<i>Geology</i>		
GEOL-100	Physical Geology	4
GEOL-103	Environmental Geology	3
GEOL-105	Historical Geology	4
GEOL-106	Earth Science	4
GEOL-109	Geology of National Parks	3
GEOL-110	Oceanography	4
GEOL/ASTR-111	Planetary Astronomy	3
<i>Physics</i>		

PHY-100	Physical Science in Modern Society (formerly Conceptual Physics)	3
PHY-101	Basic Physics: Energy and Motion	4
PHY-102	Basic Electricity and Modern Physics	4
PHY-201	Mechanics and Wave Motion	4
PHY-202	Electricity and Magnetism	4
PHY-202H	Honors Electricity and Magnetism	4
PHY-203	Optics and Modern Physics	4

5B. Biological Science*Anatomy & Physiology*

ANAT-101	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ANAT-102	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4

Anthropology

ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH-101H	Honors Biological Anthropology	3

Biology

BIOL-100	Human Biology	4
BIOL-100H	Honors Human Biology	4
BIOL-115	Introductory Topics in Biology: Cells to Ecosystems (formerly Topics in Biology)	4
BIOL-115H	Honors Introductory Topics in Biology: Cells to Ecosystems (formerly Honors Topics in Biology)	4
BIOL-117	Conservation Biology	3
BIOL-125	Microbiology	4
BIOL-125H	Honors Microbiology	4
BIOL-130	Marine Biology	4
BIOL-131	Genes and Biotechnology in Society	4
BIOL-131H	Honors Genes and Biotechnology in Society	4
BIOL-134	Human Heredity and Evolution	3
BIOL-140	Ecology	4
BIOL-144	Plant Biology	4
BIOL-144H	Honors Plant Biology	4
BIOL-146	Biodiversity	3
BIOL-150	General Biology I	4
BIOL-150H	Honors General Biology I	4
BIOL-151	General Biology II	4
BIOL-151H	Honors General Biology II	4

5C. Laboratory

Select one lab activity associated with a course in 5A or 5B.

Anthropology

ANTH-111	Biological Anthropology Lab	1
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Environmental Studies

ENVS-102	Environmental Science Laboratory	1
ENVS-102H	Honors Environmental Science Laboratory	1

Geography

GEOG-104	Physical Geography Lab	1
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AREA 6 – Ethnic Studies

Select one course: 3 semester units or 4 quarter units. This course must be in Ethnic Studies or in a similar field provided that the course is cross-listed with Ethnic Studies.

Course	Title	Credits
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Ethnic Studies

ETHS/PS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	3
ETHS/PS-103H	Honors Ethnic Politics in America	3
ETHS-112	Introduction to Chicana/o/x Studies	3
ETHS/HIST-160	Black History in the American Context	3
ETHS/HIST-160H	Honors Black History in the American Context	3
ETHS/LIT-240	American Indian Literature	3
ETHS/LIT-240H	Honors American Indian Literature	3
ETHS/LIT-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	3
ETHS/LIT-275H	Honors Latinx/Chicanx Literature	3
ETHS/LIT-280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	3
ETHS/LIT-280H	Honors Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280H)	3

History

HIST/ETHS-160	Black History in the American Context	3
HIST/ETHS-160H	Honors Black History in the American Context	3

Literature

LIT/ETHS-240	American Indian Literature (formerly ENGL-240)	3
LIT/ETHS-240H	Honors American Indian Literature (formerly ENGL-240H)	3
LIT/ETHS-275	Latinx/Chicanx Literature	3
LIT/ETHS-275H	Honors Latinx/Chicanx Literature	3
LIT/ETHS-280	Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280)	3
LIT/ETHS-280H	Honors Multiethnic Literature (formerly ENGL-280H)	3

Political Science

PS/ETHS-103	Ethnic Politics in America	3
PS/ETHS-103H	Honors Ethnic Politics in America	3

CSU American Institutions

The CSU U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals (AI) graduation requirement is not part of Cal-GETC. Courses used to satisfy this requirement may also be listed and applied to Cal-GETC Subject Areas (Area 4). CCCs can certify completion of this requirement.

UC Languages Other Than English (LOTE)

The LOTE requirement is included as optional on Cal-GETC certification forms but is not part of Cal-GETC and not required for full Cal-GETC certification or UC transfer eligibility. UC's LOTE requirement is a graduation requirement for many UC degrees. The equivalent of 2 years of high school language instruction will satisfy the LOTE requirement.

Cal-GETC Certification vs. Admission Requirements

MSJC Counselors can help students choose the most efficient way to complete their general education requirements. Students should remember that any kind of general education certification before transfer is separate from – and does not guarantee – admission: certification recognizes completed coursework, not eligibility to enroll at an institution.

For UC, see the Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions

For CSU, see the CSU Admission Handbook

Grade point average

A minimum "C" grade is required in each college course for Cal-GETC. A "C" grade is defined as a minimum of 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. A "C-" grade valued at less than 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale cannot be used for Cal-GETC certification.

Certification via Completion of an Approved Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)

For CSU: CCC students are considered fully certified for lower-division general education if they successfully completed Cal-GETC requirements and are awarded an ADT.

For UC: completing Cal-GETC may satisfy the seven-course pattern requirement and earning an ADT may be considered by some campuses in the comprehensive review process. The UC Admissions (<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/preparing-transfer-students/>) website provides additional information for transfer students.

STEM Majors

Completion of the Cal-GETC may not be appropriate for some engineering, math, or science students or for students completing majors that have a high number of lower-division unit requirements (especially those without a similar ADT). STEM students may be advised to focus on completing their lower-division major preparation requirements while meeting minimum admission requirements (e.g., the UC seven-course pattern for UC admissions). Students completing the 7-course pattern would not be Cal-GETC certified prior to transfer (Cal-GETC Standards)