

# CSU GE



## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) REQUIREMENTS

Effective Fall 2008 through Summer 2009



The General Education Requirements for the California State University (CSU) system specifies courses within subject areas that will satisfy the 39 lower division GE requirements for any campus of the California State University System. Completion of CSU GE **is not** required before transfer but for most students it is **highly recommended**. For some students, in high unit majors, completing the pre-major course requirements will be a priority over completing GE requirements. College of the Canyons courses with a number designation of 100 through 299 are transferable to all CSU campuses, but only a select group of these courses qualify for CSU GE.

NOTICE: Courses on the CSU General Education List change from year to year. Courses taken to meet General Education requirements will be honored only if they are approved for the academic year in which they are taken. It is therefore a wise practice for student to obtain a new CSU General Education list for each academic year in which they are registered at College of the Canyons.

### CSU Admission Requirements:

A College of the Canyons student who is planning to transfer to one of the campuses of the CSU system may qualify for admission by meeting the following requirements:

**Upper Division Transfer: Transfer students to CSU will be required to have a minimum 60 transferable semester units.** Students are required to fulfill admission requirements by:

- Completing a minimum of 30 semester units with a "C" or better in each course, to include:
  - Courses that satisfy CSU GE Areas A-1, Oral Communication; A-2, Written Communication; A-3, Critical Thinking; and B-4, Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning
  - Additional CSU transferable courses from Physical Universe; Life Forms; Mathematics; Arts and Humanities; and Social and Behavioral Sciences of a least equivalent level to courses that meet general education requirements.

### College of the Canyons CSU-GE Certification Process:

- "Certification" means that College of the Canyons has verified that a student has completed the lower division General Education requirements for the California State University.
- Students with full certification of their CSU GE will only be responsible for an additional 9 semester units of upper division general education at the CSU campus.
- **Certification is not automatic!** Students wishing to have CSU GE certification accompany their transcripts when they are sent to the CSU, **must complete an official transcript request and submit it to the College of the Canyons Admissions and Records Office.**

**College of the Canyons**  
**General Education Transfer Requirements**  
**California State University System**

(In Compliance with Executive Order 595-Subject to revision by CSU system)

- Students must have a minimum of 60 transferable semester units with a “C” average (2.0 GPA, 2.4 GPA for non-residents) to be considered an upper division transfer. Of the 60 units needed, at least 30 semester units must be from the GE courses listed below.
- Students must complete all of Area A (Communication in the English Language & Critical Thinking) and Area B-4 (Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning) with “C” grades or better. Please be aware that some campuses may not let you complete Area A and B-4 during your last term prior to transfer to CSU—please see a counselor for specifics.
- With the exception of the science lab requirement (B-3), a single course may not meet more than one general education requirement.
- For clarification of transfer eligibility, please consult with a COC counselor or program advisor.

<b>AREA A: COMMUNICATION IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CRITICAL THINKING—9 Semester Units (Select 3 units from each sub-category):</b>	
<b>A-1: Oral Communication</b>	Communication Studies 105, 105H, 223 <sup>(F97)</sup> , 205 <sup>(F01)</sup>
<b>A-2: Written Communication</b>	English 101, 101H
<b>A-3: Critical Thinking</b>	Communication Studies 225; English 102, 103; Philosophy 106. 205, 230 <sup>(F01)</sup> ; Sociology 108 <sup>(F01)</sup>
<b>AREA B: PHYSICAL UNIVERSE AND ITS LIFE FORMS—9 Semester Units (Select at least one 3-unit class from B1, B2, and B4. One of the selections must include a lab course in B3, which must correspond to a B1 or B2 lecture course).</b>	
<b>B-1: Physical Science</b>	Astronomy 100 <sup>(F96)</sup> , 101, 102; Biological Science 218 <sup>(F03)</sup> , Chemistry 110 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 151, 201, 202, 221, 255, 256; Geography 101; Geology 101, 102, 105, 106, 107, 109; Physical Science 101 <sup>(F01)</sup> ; Physics 101 <sup>(Sp07)</sup> , 110, 111, 220, 221, 222
<b>B-2: Life Science</b>	Anthropology 101; Biological Science 100 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 104, 106, 107, 130, 132, 140 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 201 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 202 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 204, 205, 215, 216, 219 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 221, 230 <sup>(F98)</sup> , 231 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 240 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 250; Psychology 102
<b>B-3: Laboratory Activity</b> (at least one of the following classes, which have labs, must be included in Group “B-1” or “B-2”)	Anthropology 101L <sup>(F02)</sup> , Biological Science 100 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 106, 107, 201 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 202 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 204, 205, 215, 216, 218 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 219 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 221, 230 <sup>(F98)</sup> , 231 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 240 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 250; Chemistry 110 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 151, 201, 202, 221, 255, 256; Geography 101L <sup>(F05)</sup> ; Geology 100, 107; Physical Science 101 <sup>(F01)</sup> , Physics 110, 111, 220, 221, 222
<b>B-4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning</b>	Economics 291 <sup>(F97)</sup> ; Math 102, 103, 104, 111 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 130, 140, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 240; Psychology 135; Sociology 135
<b>AREA C: ARTS, LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY, FOREIGN LANGUAGES, ETHNIC STUDIES, GENDER STUDIES—9 Semester Units (9 units total, with at least one class from C-1 and C-2)</b>	
<b>C-1: Arts (Art, Dance, Music, Theatre)</b>	Art 110, 111, 113, 115, 124A, 124B, 133 <sup>(F99)</sup> , 140, 141, 205; Cinema 120, 121, 122, 123 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 131; Communication Studies 150; Dance 100, 111, 121, 122, 131, 132, 141, 142, 160, 170; English 105; Interior Design 114 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 115 <sup>(F02)</sup> , Music 100, 105, 106, 107 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 112, 113, 120, 121 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 122 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 123 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 125, 126 <sup>(F00)</sup> ; Photography 140 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 150, 160, 285; Theatre 110, 140, 141, 190, 220, 221
<b>C-2 Humanities (Ethnic Studies, Gender Studies, Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Language)</b>	Anthropology 210; Arabic 101; Business 160 <sup>(F02)</sup> , Chinese 101; English 102, 108 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 109 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 111 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 135, 225, 250, 251, 260, 261, 262 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 263, 264, 265, 270, 271, 272, 273 <sup>(F98)</sup> , 274 <sup>(F98)</sup> , 275, 280, 281, 285; French 101, 102, 201, 202; German 101, 102, 201, 202; History 101, 102, 115 <sup>(SP07)</sup> , 116 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 117 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 120 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 130 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 161 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 165, 191 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 192 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 193 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 212, 230 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 240, 241 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 242 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 243 <sup>(F01)</sup> ; Humanities 100 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 101 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 105 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 106 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 150 <sup>(F02)</sup> ; Italian 101 <sup>(SP06)</sup> ; KPET 209; Philosophy 101, 102, 110 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 111 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 112 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 210, 215 <sup>(F05)</sup> , 220, 225 <sup>(F05)</sup> , 240 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 250; Sign Language 101 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 102 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 103 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 104 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 110 <sup>(F00)</sup> ; Sociology 200; Spanish 101, 101A <sup>(F00)</sup> , 102, 102A <sup>(F00)</sup> , 150, 160, 201, 202, 240; Theatre 240 <sup>(F00)</sup>

**AREA D: SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS AND BEHAVIOR; HISTORICAL BACKGROUND – 9 Semester Units (Select classes from at least two of the sub-categories listed below)**

**D-1 Anthropology and Archaeology**

Anthropology 103, 105, 215, 220

**D-2 Economics**

Economics 150, 201, 202, 230

**D-3 Ethnic Studies**

Anthropology 210, 215; Business 126<sup>(F02)</sup>, History 101, 102, 116<sup>(F05)</sup>, 117<sup>(F05)</sup>, 230<sup>(F02)</sup>, 240, 245; Sociology 100, 105<sup>(F96)</sup>, 106<sup>(F03)</sup>; Spanish 240

**D-4 Gender Studies**

Communication Studies 260<sup>(F97)</sup>; Health Science 243; History 120<sup>(F00)</sup>; Psychology 235; Sociology 200

**D-5 Geography**

Geography 102

**D-6 History**

Economics 170, History 101, 102, 111, 112, 115<sup>(SP07)</sup>, 116<sup>(F05)</sup>, 117<sup>(F05)</sup>, 120<sup>(F00)</sup>, 130<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 150, 161<sup>(F02)</sup>, 165, 170, 191<sup>(F00)</sup>, 192<sup>(F00)</sup>, 193<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 210, 212, 230<sup>(F02)</sup>, 240, 241<sup>(F01)</sup>, 242<sup>(F01)</sup>, 243<sup>(F01)</sup>, 245

**D-7 Interdisciplinary Social or Behavioral Science**

Biology 120<sup>(F99)</sup>; Communication Studies 246<sup>(F95)</sup>, 256<sup>(Spr95)</sup>; Early Childhood Education 120<sup>(F00)</sup>, 125<sup>(F03)</sup>; Health Science 243; Sociology 105<sup>(F96)</sup>

**D-8 Political Science, Government and Legal Institutions**

Political Science 100<sup>(F03)</sup>, 150, 210<sup>(F05)</sup>, 230<sup>(F03)</sup>, 250, 270, 290<sup>(F99)</sup>

**D-9 Psychology**

Early Childhood Education 120; Psychology 101, 101H, 105, 109<sup>(F02)</sup>, 126, 172, 175, 180, 225, 230<sup>(F00)</sup>, 235, 240<sup>(F03)</sup>, 272

**D-10 Sociology and Criminology**

Sociology 100, 101, 101H<sup>(F06)</sup>, 102, 106<sup>(F03)</sup>, 108<sup>(F01)</sup>, 110<sup>(F03)</sup>, 112, 150<sup>(F03)</sup>, 151<sup>(F03)</sup>, 200, 201, 203<sup>(F01)</sup>, 207, 208<sup>(F00)</sup>, 209, 210<sup>(F00)</sup>, 217, 226, 230, 233<sup>(F01)</sup>, 242

**AREA E: LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT—3 Semester Units**

Communication Studies 250, Dance 101<sup>(F00)</sup>, 107<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 108<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 133<sup>(F00)</sup>, 134<sup>(F00)</sup>, 135<sup>(F00)</sup>, 137<sup>(F03)</sup>, 180<sup>(F00)</sup>, 181<sup>(F05)</sup> (limited to two units); Counseling 110<sup>(SP07)</sup>, 111, 150<sup>(F07)</sup>; Health Science 100, 149<sup>(F05)</sup>, 150<sup>(F00)</sup>, 243; Journalism 100/Radio Television Film 100; Kinesiology/PE Activity (KPEA) 100<sup>(SU98)</sup>, 101A, 101B<sup>(F05)</sup>, 102, 103<sup>(F02)</sup>, 104<sup>(F01)</sup>, 105<sup>(F01)</sup>, 106<sup>(F97)</sup>, 107, 108, 109<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 110<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 111<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 112, 113<sup>(F02)</sup>, 115<sup>(F01)</sup>, 118A, 118B, 118C, 119, 120<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 122<sup>(F04)</sup>, 140, 141, 150, 165A, 165B, 165C, 170A<sup>(F02)</sup>, 170B<sup>(F00)</sup>, 175A, 175B, 180A, 180B, 180C, 185A<sup>(SP98)</sup>, 185B<sup>(SP98)</sup>, 185C, 195A, 195B, 195C, 196<sup>(F02)</sup>, 200<sup>(F00)</sup>, 245, 260<sup>(F01)</sup>, 280, 290<sup>(F01)</sup>, KPET 150; Kinesiology/PE Intercollegiate (KPEI) 152<sup>(F01)</sup>, 153<sup>(F01)</sup>, 245, 250A, 250B<sup>(F02)</sup>, 255<sup>(F00)</sup>, 260<sup>(F00)</sup>, 265, 270<sup>(F00)</sup>, 275, 280, 290, 295 (All preceding PE courses are limited to two units); Kinesiology/PE Theory (KPET) 200<sup>(F01)</sup>, 204; Psychology 105, 150, 172<sup>(F00)</sup>, 230<sup>(F00)</sup>; Recreation 101<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 103<sup>(SP06)</sup>; Sociology 103, 110<sup>(F03)</sup>, 201, 208<sup>(F00)</sup>, 230, 233<sup>(F01)</sup>

(Note: Dance activity and all KPEA, KPEI, and KPET except KPET 200 and 204 courses are limited to two units total.)

**NOTE:** The **American Institutions Requirement (AIR)** must be met to graduate from any CSU. The AIR is the study of U.S. History, American Constitution, California State and Local Government, and U.S. Political and Economic Institutions. You can meet the AIR by completing one of the following two choices:

**CHOICE 1:** (2 courses) Political Science 150 **and** one of the following: ECON 170 or HIST 111 or HIST 112 or HIST 120<sup>(F02)</sup> or HIST 130<sup>(F06)</sup> or HIST 150 or HIST 170 or HIST 230<sup>(F02)</sup> or HIST 245.

**CHOICE 2:** (2 courses) History 111 **and** History 112.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU CHOOSE COURSES IN AREAS C2 AND/OR AREA D OF THIS CSUGE CHECKLIST THAT ALSO MEET THE AIR.**

**Note:** Courses marked with this notation <sup>(Fxx)</sup> can only be applied to general education if taken in or after the term and year indicated.

This planning sheet represents the best information available at the time of printing and is researched and updated each year. Students do NOT have catalog rights to this list of courses. The CSU will honor completion of general education course work at certifying institutions provided the course was on an approved list at the time it was completed. If you need clarification, please see a counselor.

Planning to transfer?

[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

Your official source for California articulation and student transfer information.

**NOTE:** Students are advised to complete as many of the lower division requirements for their major as possible prior to transfer. Admission to some majors at some CSU campuses may have additional requirements beyond those listed in this section. Consult with a counselor for details on your major. Although not required for admission to the CSU, students are encouraged to complete an Associates Degree prior to transfer.

**Advanced Placement Information:**

The following Advanced Placement examinations may be incorporated into certification of completion of CSU General Education requirements. Students must have scored 3,4, or 5 on an Advanced Placement examination to receive credit. Individual CSU campuses may choose to accept more units than those specified below towards completion of General Education requirements. The CSU campus to which the student is transferring determines the total number of units awarded for successful completion of an Advanced Placement Examination and the applicability of the credit to other graduation requirements.

Art: History	3 sem. units toward Area C1	History: US	3 sem. units toward Area D6
Biology	3 sem. units toward Area B2	Latin: Virgil	3 sem. units toward Area C2
Chemistry	6 sem. units toward Area B1 & B3	Latin: Literature	3 sem. units toward Area C2
Economics: Macro	3 sem. units toward Area D2	Math: Calculus AB	3 sem. units toward Area B4
Economics: Micro	3 sem. units toward Area D2	Math: Calculus BC	3 sem. units toward Area B4
English: Lang & Comp	3 sem. units toward Area A2	Music Theory	3 sem. units toward Area C1
English: Lit & Comp	6 sem. units toward Area A2 & C2	Physics B	6 sem. units toward Area B1 & B3
French: Language	6 sem. units toward Area C2	Physics C (mechanics)	3 sem. units toward Area B1 & B3
French: Literature	6 sem. units toward Area C2	Physics C (electricity)	3 sem. units toward Area B1 & B3
German Language	6 sem. units toward Area C2	Psychology	3 sem. units toward Area D9
Government: US	3 sem. units toward Area D8	Spanish: Language	6 sem. units toward Area C2
Government: Comparative	3 sem. units toward Area D8	Spanish: Literature	6 sem. units toward Area C2
History: European	3 sem. units toward Area D6	Statistics	3 sem. units toward Area B4

• **CSU Graduation Requirements:**

Most CSU campuses have graduation requirements in addition to general education requirements that may be taken at College of the Canyons prior to transfer. They include but are not limited to:  
 Foreign Language                      Second Semester English Composition                      Ethnic Studies/Multicultural                      Computer Competency  
 Consult with a counselor for details on the graduation requirements to individual CSU campuses.

**Foreign Language and Second Semester English Requirements for Graduation: (as reported by CSU campuses Fall 2008)**

Campus	Foreign Language	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester English Req'd	Minimum Grade	Campus	Foreign Language	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester English Req'd	Minimum Grade
Bakersfield	Yes	No		Northridge	No	No	
Channel Islands	Yes	No	C	Pomona	No	No	
Chico	No	No		Sacramento	Yes	Yes	C-
Dominguez Hills	No	Yes*	C	San Bernardino	Yes+	Yes	C
East Bay	No	Yes	D	San Diego	No***	Yes*	
Fresno	No	No		San Francisco	No	Yes	C
Fullerton	No**	No		San Jose	No	Yes	C
Humboldt	No	No		San Luis Obispo	No	No	
Long Beach	No	No		San Marcos	Yes	No	C
Los Angeles	No	Yes	C	Sonoma	No	No	
Maritime Academy	No	Yes	C	Stanislaus	No	No	
Monterey Bay	Yes	Yes	C				

\*Except if certified in Area A    \*\*Under study    \*\*\*Some majors require 3 semesters of a foreign language – see catalog  
 +Except if certified in Area C

**CSU Practices Concerning Multicultural Ethnic Studies Requirement: (as reported by CSU campuses Fall 2007)**

Campus	Graduation Requirement	May be Taken Prior to Transfer	Notes	Campus	Graduation Requirement	Prior to Transfer	Notes
Bakersfield	Yes	Yes		Northridge	Yes	Yes	Unless fully certified
Channel Islands	Yes	No		Pomona	Yes	Yes	
Chico	Yes	Yes	2 req'd	Sacramento	Yes	Yes	
Dominguez Hills	Yes	No	Upper Division	San Bernardino	Yes	Yes	Upper Division
East Bay	Yes	Yes		San Diego	Yes	Yes	Upper Division
Fresno	Yes	Yes	Upper Division	San Francisco	Yes	No	Upper Division
Fullerton	Yes	Yes		San Jose	Yes	No	Upper Division @ SJSU
Humboldt	Yes	Yes		San Luis Obispo	Yes	Yes	
Long Beach	Yes	No		San Marcos	Yes	No	Upper Division
Los Angeles	Yes	No		Sonoma	Yes	Yes	
Maritime Academy	No			Stanislaus	Yes	Yes	
Monterey Bay	Yes	No					