



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) REQUIREMENTS

Effective Fall 2024 through Summer 2025



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.

Liberal Studies majors pursuing teaching credentials should not follow this certification pattern but instead complete the courses specified as preparation for the major

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 & a minimum overall CSU GPA of 2.0. 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 (*as of Fall 2017 allowed to have grades of C- within these areas for certification, per CSU Executive Order 1100*)
 - Additional CSU transferable courses from Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning; Arts and Humanities; Social Sciences; and Lifelong Learning and Self-Development 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 have earned at least 12 units in residence at COC and 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 1100**-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, and these 30 units must be completed for a “C-” or better in each course. The CSU GE consists of 39 lower division units, so 9 units can be completed with grades of “D” for CSU GE certification, as long as those classes aren't from Area A or Area B4 or part of a student's major.
- 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 <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/casper/Pages/golden-four.aspx>
- Pass/No Pass courses are acceptable up to any unit limit established by the CSU campuses only if the college catalog defines credit as equivalent to a passing grade of “C” or better and only if the courses are not required for the major. (**See CSU System website for Covid-19 leniency info.**)
- 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 advisor.

AREA A: ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING - 9 semester or 12 quarter units
 (Select 3 units from each sub-category):

	A-1: Oral Communication	COMS 105, 105H, 120
	A-2: Written Communication	ENGL 101, 101H
	A-3: Critical Thinking	COMS 225, 227^(F10); ENGL 103, 103H^(F15), 112^(F16); PHILOS 106, 206, 230^(F01); SOCI 108^(F01)

AREA B: SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING - 9 semester or 12-15 quarter 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). Underlined courses have a lab built within.

	B-1: Physical Science	ASTRON 100^(F96), 102, <u>104</u>; CHEM 100, <u>151</u>, <u>151H</u>, <u>201</u>, <u>201H</u>, <u>202</u>, <u>255</u>, <u>256</u>; ENVRMNT <u>103</u>, 104 GEOGRPH 100^(F20), <u>101</u>, <u>103</u>, 105; GEOLOGY 100^(F20), <u>101</u>, <u>102</u>, 104, 105, 109, <u>110</u>; OCEAN <u>101</u>; PHYSICI <u>101^(F01)</u>; PHYSIC 101^(SP07), <u>110</u>, <u>111</u>, <u>220</u>, <u>221</u>, <u>222</u>
	B-2: Life Science	ANTHRO 101, 101H; BIOSCI 100^(F01), <u>100H</u>, <u>101</u>, <u>106</u>, <u>106H</u>, <u>107</u>, <u>107H</u>, <u>115</u>, <u>116</u>, <u>119</u>, 130, 132, 140^(F02), <u>201^(F03)</u>, <u>202^(F03)</u>, <u>204</u>, <u>205</u>, <u>221</u>, <u>240^(F02)</u>; GEOLOGY 103; OCEAN <u>119</u>; PSYCH 102
	B-3: One Laboratory Activity (Only B1 or B2 need a corresponding lab from this section B3) (at least one of the following classes, which have labs, must be included in Group “B-1” or “B-2”)	ANTHRO 101L^(F02); ASTRON 104; BIOSCI 100^(F01), 100H, 101, 106, 106H, 107, 107H, 115, 116, 119, 201^(F03), 202^(F03), 204, 205, 221, 240^(F02); CHEM 151, 151H, 201, 201H, 202, 255, 256; ENVRMNT 103, GEOGRPH 101^(F20); GEOLOGY 101^(F20), 102^(F13), 110; OCEAN 101, 119; PHYSICI 101^(F01); PHYSIC 110, 111, 220, 221, 222
	B-4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	ECON 291^(F97); MATH 100, 102, 102X, 103, 103X, 104, 104X, 130, 140, 140H, 140X, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 240; PSYCH 104; SOCI 137

AREA C: ARTS AND HUMANITIES - 9 semester or 12 – 15 quarter units (with at least one class from C-1 and one class from C-2)

C1 class	C-1: Arts (Art, Dance, Music, Theatre)	ARCHT 114^(F21), 115^(F21); ART 100, 110, 111, 112, 115, 116, 125A, 140, 141, 225A; CINEMA 120, 121, 122, 123^(SP06), 127^(F23), 129^(F23), 131; COMS 150; DANCE 100; ENGL 105; GMD 120; ID 114^(F02), 115^(F02); MEA 101^(F21), 102; MUSIC 100, 105, 106, 107^(F03), 108, 109, 110, 112, 120A, 120B, 125, 126^(F00); PHOTO 140^(F00), 150, 160, 285; THEATR 100^(F20), 110, 110H, 140, 141, 220
C2 class	C-2: Humanities (Gender Studies, Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Language)	ANTHRO 210; BUS 160^(F02); CHNESE 101, 102; ECON 170^(F91), 170H; ENGL 108^(F03), 109^(F03), 110^(F14), 112^(F16), 135, 200, 250, 251, 260, 261, 262^(F03), 263, 264, 270, 271, 272, 273^(F98), 274^(F98), 275, 280, 281; FRNCH 101, 102, 201, 202; GERMAN 101, 102; HIST 101, 101H, 102, 111^(F91), 111H, 112^(F91), 112H, 115^(SP07), 117, 120^(F00), 120H, 130^(SP06), 161^(F02), 191^(F00), 192^(F00), 193^(SP06), 212, 240, 243^(F01); HUMAN 100, 115^(F16), 116^(F16), 150^(F02); ITAL 101^(SP06), 102^(F14), 150^(F13); KPET 209; LING 101; PHILOS 101, 101H, 102, 110^(F02), 111^(F02), 112^(F02), 120, 130^(F13), 220, 225^(F05), 240^(F02), 250; SIGN 101^(SP06), 102^(SP06), 103^(SP06), 104^(SP06), 110^(F00); SOCI 200, 200H^(F13); SPAN 101, 101H, 102, 150, 201, 202, 211, 212, 240; THEATR 240^(F00)
3 rd class from either C1 or C2		

AREA D: SOCIAL SCIENCES -

New students starting at COC (or any CCC or CSU) **beginning Fall 2021** or later need to complete **2 classes for a total of 6 semester OR 8 quarter units** for CSU GE Certification. Courses can be from the same or different disciplines.

Students who started at COC (or any CCC or CSU) **before Fall 2021 and maintained continuous enrollment** need to complete **3 classes for a total of 9 semester or 12 quarter units** for CSU GE Certification. Courses must be taken from more than one discipline.

2 or 3 classes needed (see details above)	ANTHRO 103, 103H, 105, 120, 210, 220; BUS 126 ^(F02) ; CCE 200; COMS 246 ^(F95) , 256 ^(SP95) , 260 ^(F97) ; ECE 101, 102; ECON 170, 170H, 201, 201H, 202, 202H; ENVRMNT 101; ETHNST 101, 102, 103; GEOGRPH 102, 104, 105; GLST 101 ^(F19) , 102 ^(F19) ; HLHSCI 140 ^(F20) , 243; HIST 101, 101H, 102, 111, 111H, 112, 112H, 115 ^(SP07) , 116, 117, 120 ^(F00) , 120H, 130 ^(SP06) , 161 ^(F02) , 191 ^(F00) , 192 ^(F00) , 193 ^(SP06) , 210, 212, 240, 243 ^(F01) ; PHILOS 130; POLISC 150, 150H, 200, 210 ^(F05) , 230 ^(F03) , 250, 270, 290 ^(F99) ; PSYCH 101, 101H, 105, 109 ^(F02) , 126, 167, 172, 172H; 180, 225, 230 ^(F00) , 235, 240 ^(F03) ; SPAN 240; SOCI 101, 101H ^(F06) , 102, 103 ^(F01) , 103H, 104, 105 ^(F96) , 106 ^(F14) , 107, 108 ^(F01) , 110 ^(F03) , 130, 200, 200H ^(F10) , 205, 207, 208 ^(F00) , 210 ^(F00) , 230, 233 ^(F01) , 250
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AREA E: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT - 3 semester or 4 quarter units

COMS 100, 100H, 235; **COUNS** 100, 110^(SP07), 111, 142^(F15), 150^(F07); **DANCE** 101^(F00), 107^(SP06), 108^(SP06), 130, 133^(F00), 134^(F00), 135^(F00), 136, 137^(F03), 180^(F00); **HLHSCI** 100, 149^(F05), 150^(F00), 243; **KPEA** 100A, 100B, 101A, 101B, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 125^(F13), 145A, 145B, 150A, 150B, 150C, 160A, 160B, 165A, 165B, 165C, 170A, 170B, 170C, 175A, 175B, 180A, 180B, 180C, 185A, 185B, 185C, 195A, 195B, 195C; **KPEI** 153, 245A, 245B, 250A, 250B, 250C, 255A, 255B, 260A, 260B, 265, 270A, 270B, 275A, 275B, 280A, 280B, 285A^(F17), 285B^(F17), 290A, 290B, 295A^(F13), 295B^(F17); **KPET** 200; **MEA** 100; **PSYCH** 105, 172^(F00), 172H, 230^(F00); **REC** 101^(SP06), 103^(SP06), 120, 121, 122; **SOCI** 103, 103H, 110^(F03), 208^(F00), 230, 233^(F01)

Note: Dance activity, all KPEA, and KPEI courses, as well as REC 120, 121, and 122 classes are limited to two unit's total.

AREA F: ETHNIC STUDIES - 3 semester or 4 quarter units

Effective for students at COC (or any CCC or CSU) **beginning Fall 2021 and after.**

Students who started at COC (or any CCC or CSU) **before Fall 2021** and have maintained continuous enrollment will **not** be required to complete Area F for CSU GE. Refer to <https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/diversity/advancement-of-ethnic-studies> for FAQs

ETHNST 101^(F24), 102

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (These 2 courses are required for graduation from CSUs and many COC degrees)

A minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units covering US-1: Historical Development of American Institutions & Ideas, US-2: US Constitution, and US-3: State & Local Government is required.

At COC, to meet this requirement, you must pick 2 courses from the following options:

OPTION 1:

One course from: **ECON** 170, 170H; **HIST** 111, 111H, 112, 112H, 116, 117, 120, 120H, or 130 and **POLISC** 150 or 150H

OR

OPTION 2: Complete both **HIST** 111 or 111H and **HIST** 112 or 112H

Note: Courses marked with this notation ^(Fxx) 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

Your official source for California articulation and student transfer information.

Apply online @ www2.calstate.edu/apply

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 (AP) Information:

For more information about how CSU counts AP exams, please go to the counseling office or the counseling office website at <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/transfer/index.php>

Also, view the details directly from the CSU website about AP exams and other external exams: <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/casper/Pages/external-exam-credit.aspx>

Additional External Exam Credit –CLEP and IB Exams

For more information about how CSU counts CLEP and IB (International Baccalaureate) exam credits, refer to <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/casper/Pages/external-exam-credit.aspx>

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs)

- Check out the CSU website about what ADTs are and the benefits of earning an Associate Degree for Transfer at College of the Canyons.
<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/pages/ccc-associate-degree-for-transfer.aspx>
- Also, check out COC's list of Associate Degrees for Transfer that students can earn while attending College of the Canyons. They are identified as Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) and Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T).
<http://www.canyons.edu/Offices/Counseling/Pages/Majors.aspx>

Additional Graduation Requirements

Some CSU campuses have graduation requirements in addition to general education requirements that may be taken at College of the Canyons, prior to transfer. They may include, foreign language, multicultural ethnic studies, and/or computer competency. Consult with a COC counselor for details on the graduation requirements to individual CSU campuses that could be completed at a CA Community College prior to transfer. College of the Canyons Counseling Office: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/index.php>, (661)362-3288, (661)362-3811 or counseling@canyons.edu