



## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) REQUIREMENTS

Effective Fall 2022 through Summer 2023



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):**

	<b>A-1: Oral Communication</b>	Communication Studies 105, 105H, 120
	<b>A-2: Written Communication</b>	English 101, 101H
	<b>A-3: Critical Thinking</b>	Communication Studies 225, 227 <sup>(F10)</sup> ; English 103, 103H <sup>(F15)</sup> , 112 <sup>(F16)</sup> , 112H <sup>(F16)</sup> ; Philosophy 106, 206, 230 <sup>(F01)</sup> ; Sociology 108 <sup>(F01)</sup>

**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).**

	<b>B-1: Physical Science</b>	Astronomy 100 <sup>(F96)</sup> , 101, 102; Chemistry 100, 151, 151H, 201, 201H, 202, 255, 256; Environment 103, 104 Geograph 100 <sup>(F20)</sup> , 101, 103, 105; Geology 100 <sup>(F20)</sup> , 101, 102, 104, 105, 109, 110; Ocean 101; Physical Science 101 <sup>(F01)</sup> ; Physics 101 <sup>(Sp07)</sup> , 110, 111, 220, 221, 222
	<b>B-2: Life Science</b>	Anthropology 101, 101H; Biological Science 100 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 100H, 106, 106H, 107, 107H, 115, 116, 119, 130, 132, 140 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 201 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 202 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 204, 205, 221, 240 <sup>(F02)</sup> ; Geology 103; Psychology 102
	<b>B-3: One Laboratory Activity</b> (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”)	Anthropology 101L <sup>(F02)</sup> , Astronomy 101L, Biological Science 100 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 100H, 106, 106H, 107, 107H, 115, 116, 119, 201 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 202 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 204, 205, 221, 240 <sup>(F02)</sup> ; Chemistry 151, 151H, 201, 201H, 202, 255, 256; Environment 103, Geograph 101 <sup>(F20)</sup> ; Geology 101 <sup>(F20)</sup> , 102 <sup>(F13)</sup> , 110; Ocean 101; 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 100, 102, 102X, 103, 103X, 104, 130, 140, 140H, 140X, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 240; Psychology 104, Sociology 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	<b>C-1: Arts (Art, Dance, Music, Theatre)</b>	Architecture 114 <sup>(F21)</sup> , 115 <sup>(F21)</sup> ; Art 100, 110, 111, 112, 115, 116, 125A, 140, 141, 225A; Cinema 120, 121, 122, 123 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 131; Communication Studies 150; Dance 100; English 105; Graphic & Media Design 120; Interior Design 114 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 115 <sup>(F02)</sup> , MEA 101 <sup>(F21)</sup> , 102; Music 100, 105, 106, 107 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 108, 112, 113, 120A, 120B, 125, 126 <sup>(F00)</sup> ; Photography 140 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 150, 160, 285; Theatre 100 <sup>(F20)</sup> , 110, 110H, 140, 141, 220
C2 class	<b>C-2: Humanities (Ethnic Studies, Gender Studies, Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Language)</b>	Anthropology 210; Business 160 <sup>(F02)</sup> , Chinese 101, 102; Economics 170 <sup>(F91)</sup> , 170H, English 108 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 109 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 110 <sup>(F14)</sup> , 111 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 112 <sup>(F16)</sup> , 112H <sup>(F16)</sup> , 135, 200, 250, 251, 260, 261, 262 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 263, 264, 270, 271, 272, 273 <sup>(F98)</sup> , 274 <sup>(F98)</sup> , 275, 280, 281; Ethnic Studies 117; French 101, 102, 201, 202; German 101, 102; History 101, 101H, 102, 111 <sup>(F91)</sup> , 111H, 112 <sup>(F91)</sup> , 112H, 115 <sup>(SP07)</sup> , 117, 120 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 120H, 130 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 161 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 191 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 192 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 193 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 212, 240, 243 <sup>(F01)</sup> ; Humanities 100, 115 <sup>(F16)</sup> , 116 <sup>(F16)</sup> , 150 <sup>(F02)</sup> ; Italian 101 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 102 <sup>(F14)</sup> , 150 <sup>(F13)</sup> ; KPET 209; Philosophy 101, 101H, 102, 110 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 111 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 112 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 120, 130 <sup>(F13)</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, 200H <sup>(F13)</sup> ; Spanish 101, 101H, 102, 150, 201, 202, 211, 212, 240; Theatre 240 <sup>(F00)</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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)	Anthropology 103, 103H, 105, 210, 220; Business 126 <sup>(F02)</sup> ; Civic and Community Engagement 200; Communication Studies 246 <sup>(F95)</sup> , 256 <sup>(Spr95)</sup> , 260 <sup>(F97)</sup> ; ECE 101, 102; Economics 170, 170H, 201, 201H, 202, 202H; Environment 101; Ethnic Studies 116, 117, 290; Geograph 102, 104, 105; GLST 101 <sup>(F19)</sup> , 102 <sup>(F19)</sup> ; Health Science 140 <sup>(F20)</sup> , 243; History 101, 101H, 102, 111, 111H, 112, 112H, 115 <sup>(Sp07)</sup> , 116, 117, 120 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 120H, 130 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 161 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 191 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 192 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 193 <sup>(SP06)</sup> , 210, 212, 240, 243 <sup>(F01)</sup> ; Philosophy 130; Political Science 150, 150H, 200, 210 <sup>(F05)</sup> , 230 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 250, 270, 290 <sup>(F99)</sup> ; Psychology 101, 101H, 105, 109 <sup>(F02)</sup> , 126, 172, 172H; 180, 225, 230 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 235, 240 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 272; Spanish 240; Sociology 101, 101H <sup>(F06)</sup> , 102, 103 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 103H, 104, 105 <sup>(F96)</sup> , 106 <sup>(F14)</sup> , 107, 108 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 110 <sup>(F03)</sup> , 130, 200, 200H <sup>(F10)</sup> , 205, 207, 208 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 210 <sup>(F00)</sup> , 230, 233 <sup>(F01)</sup> , 250
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**AREA E: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT — 3 Semester OR 4 Quarter Units**

Communication Studies 100, 100H, 235; Counseling 100, 110<sup>(SP07)</sup>, 111, 142<sup>(F15)</sup>, 150<sup>(F07)</sup>; Dance (limited to two units) 101<sup>(F00)</sup>, 107<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 108<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 130, 133<sup>(F00)</sup>, 134<sup>(F00)</sup>, 135<sup>(F00)</sup>, 136, 137<sup>(F03)</sup>, 180<sup>(F00)</sup>; Health Science 100, 149<sup>(F05)</sup>, 150<sup>(F00)</sup>, 243; Media Entertainment Arts 100; Kinesiology/PE Activity (KPEA) 100A, 100B, 101A, 101B, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 125<sup>(F13)</sup>, 145A, 145B, 150A, 150B, 150C, 160A, 160B, 165A, 165B, 165C, 170A, 170B, 170C, 175A, 175B, 180A, 180B, 180C, 185A, 185B, 185C, 195A, 195B, 195C; Kinesiology/PE Intercollegiate (KPEI) 153, 245A, 245B, 250A, 250B, 255A, 255B, 260A, 260B, 265, 270A, 270B, 275A, 275B, 280A, 280B, 285A<sup>(F17)</sup>, 285B<sup>(F17)</sup>, 290A, 290B, 295A<sup>(F13)</sup>, 295B<sup>(F17)</sup> (All preceding PE courses are limited to two units); Kinesiology/PE Theory (KPET) 200; Psychology 105, 172<sup>(F00)</sup>, 172H, 230<sup>(F00)</sup>; Recreation 101<sup>(SP06)</sup>, 103<sup>(SP06)</sup>; Sociology 103, 103H, 110<sup>(F03)</sup>, 208<sup>(F00)</sup>, 230, 233<sup>(F01)</sup>

**Note: Dance activity, all KPEA, and KPEI courses are limited to two units total.**

**AREA F: ETHNIC STUDIES — 3 Semester OR 4 Quarter Units**

**NEW section as of Fall 2021** -- 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

Ethnic Studies 290; Political Sci 290<sup>(F21)</sup>

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

Minimum of 3 semester or 4 quarter units required that cover US-1: Historical development of American institutions & Ideas, US-2: US Constitution and US-3: State & Local Government.

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

**OPTION 1: One course from:** Economics 170, 170H, Ethnic Studies 116, 117; History 111, 111H, 112, 112H, 116, 117, 120, 120H, or 130 **AND** Political Science 150 or 150H

OR

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

**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.**

**Apply online @ [www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://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/cc-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](mailto:counseling@canyons.edu)