

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IGETC

1. What is IGETC? *IGETC stands for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum.* It is a general education pattern which community college transfer students can use to fulfill lower-division general education requirements in either the CSU or UC system without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower-division general education requirements. Depending on the campus to which one transfers and one's individual circumstances, there may be additional non-GE lower-division graduation requirements to be met (i.e., foreign language, multi-cultural studies, American history). **2a. Is IGETC an admission requirement?** *No.* Completion of IGETC alone does not meet the admission requirement for either UC or CSU nor is it required in order to be admitted. Completion of IGETC does not guarantee admission to a student's campus of choice. However, completing the lower division breadth/general education requirements—whether through IGETC or the campus-specific requirements—may improve a transfer applicant's chances for admission to a competitive campus and/or program.

3. Is it advisable for all transfer students to follow IGETC? *No.* Some students may be better served by taking courses which fulfill either 1) the CSU General Education requirements; or 2) the requirements of the UC campus or college to which they plan to transfer. IGETC will be most useful to students who want to keep their options open before making a final decision about transferring to a particular CSU or UC campus. Once a student has identified a major, it is important for the student to work toward fulfilling any required preparatory courses, particularly in professional or "high unit" majors that select applicants on the basis of satisfaction of lower division major requirements. ***We encourage you to discuss your transfer plans with a counselor to help you decide if following IGETC is the best option for you.***

4. Must the entire IGETC pattern be completed prior to transfer? *No.* It is now possible to receive "partial certification" of IGETC, when all but two courses on the IGETC pattern have been completed. Therefore, IGETC may be applicable for most transfer majors. Please speak with a counselor for more information. Also, students should consider specific university admissions policies, which may require full IGETC certification or the completion of Areas 1 and 2.

5. May coursework taken at other institutions be used to certify a student's completion of IGETC? *Yes, with stipulations.* CCSF will certify courses taken at other accredited colleges and universities under the following conditions: CCSF will place courses taken at other California community colleges in the IGETC areas identified by the offering college. Courses must have been on that college's IGETC list when the courses were taken. Courses taken at other colleges/universities may be used on IGETC only if they are judged as comparable to courses on the IGETC list for CCSF or another California community college. However, except for California community colleges, coursework from other institutions often will not be used to fulfill the critical thinking/English composition requirement (Area 1B). In addition, **foreign coursework cannot be used for a student's IGETC certification.** *In order to have your previous school's record evaluated for IGETC certification, please make a counseling appointment and bring an unofficial or official transcript to your appointment. At the time you request IGETC certification, you will need to submit OFFICIAL transcripts to CCSF's Admissions & Records Transcript Office.*

6. Will students be required to earn a minimum grade in all courses used for IGETC certification? *Yes.* Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in each course used for IGETC. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Courses with a "pass" grade may be used if the college catalog where the course was taken states that a "pass" grade is equivalent to a "C" or better (CCSF has this policy). Students are advised that there are limits on the number of units taken on a "pass/no pass" basis (14-semester-unit limit for UC; unit limitations at CSU vary from campus to campus).

7. Is there a minimum unit value per course? *Yes.* All courses must have a minimum unit value of 3 semester or 4 quarter units. When combining quarter and semester unit values within an IGETC area, units should be converted to either all quarter units or all semester units, whichever best meets the minimum unit requirement for that area. However, the conversion of units from semester to quarter for meeting minimum unit requirements may result in a student needing additional coursework to meet CSU graduation requirements.

8. Can a course be used both to satisfy an IGETC requirement and to fulfill a major requirement? *Yes.* Courses to be used to satisfy IGETC requirements may be double counted toward preparation for major requirements, except for individual CSU campus restrictions.

9. Can AP scores be applied to IGETC? *Yes.* AP scores of 3, 4, or 5 can be applied to IGETC. (See chart on reverse.) Additional details may be found on the CCSF Articulation webpage (www.ccsf.edu/artic), under UC – Resources.

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