

**Implementation Guidelines for Students Following the Pre-Fall 2014  
General Education and University Graduation Requirements  
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1. Courses approved for the Fall 2014 General Education (GE) program and later will be incorporated into the Segment I, II, and III structure so that students on the pre-Fall 2014 pattern can use courses originally in their program as well as newly-approved courses to meet GE and other graduation requirements.
2. Pre-Fall 2014 students, will remain on the old GE program since following this program is of the greatest benefit to them. On a case-by-case basis, if a student can show that following the old GE program will require more units than following the new program, s/he can submit a GE petition requesting to be placed on the new program.
3. If a course was previously in GE and is now approved for a different area of GE (e.g., BSS to UD-D or BSS to C2, etc.), the course will satisfy the new area for which it is approved. Therefore, what the course fulfills depends on when the student took the course and for what it was approved at the time it was taken.
4. After Spring 2014, completion of the OASIS tutorial is no longer required. The online lessons will still be available on the Library website.<sup>1</sup>
5. For Segment I courses taken Fall 2014 through Summer 2016, students must earn a CR or C- grade or higher in order to satisfy the GE requirement. Students who earned a passing grade (D- or higher) in Segment I courses taken prior to Fall 2014 have satisfied the requirement.
6. In Segment II and Segment III, students may take all courses from the same departmental prefix.<sup>2</sup>
7. A single course that is approved for requirements in both Segment II and Segment III cannot be used to fulfill both requirements.
8. There is unlimited double counting between Segments I, II, and III of GE and the major. For example, a student may use all three Segment III courses to satisfy both the major and GE.<sup>2</sup>
9. Students may begin their Segment III upon completion of Segment I and a total of at least 30 units. Segment III can be met by taking any three courses that are approved for either Segment III or for the GE program Fall 2014 and beyond in UD-B, UD-C, and UD-D. There are no longer any cluster requirements within Segment III.
10. Students can satisfy the Cultural, Ethnic, or Social Diversity (CESD) requirement by taking an upper division GE course that is labeled as CESD, AERM, or SJ and appears in Segment III or in the GE program for Fall 2014 and beyond in UD-B, UD-C, and UD-D.
11. The same GE pattern is applied for first-time freshmen and for transfer students. The freshmen student pattern for GE is eliminated and all students will follow the transfer pattern for Segment II. The only exception to this is that freshmen must still meet the AERM requirement.
12. Students are no longer held to completing 9 units within the Physical and Biological Sciences (PBS), but must complete at least 3 units of Physical Sciences, 3 units of Biological Sciences, and complete at least one course approved as Laboratory or Field. Please note: students need 27 units minimum in Segment II – if a student completes PBS in 6 or 7 units, the additional 2-3 units can be taken from either Physical and Biological Sciences (PBS), Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS), or Humanities and Creative Arts (HCA).<sup>3</sup>

13. Students who began SF State as first-time freshmen must complete one course that is designated as fulfilling the American Ethnic and Racial Minorities (AERM) requirement. AERM courses can now be found in all areas of the curriculum, including Segments I, II, and III as well as courses in some majors, minors, or electives. Effective Fall 2014, students who began at SF State as first-time freshmen who take an upper division AERM course to satisfy CESD must complete a second AERM course which can be at the upper or lower division level.
14. First-time freshmen with AP, IB, CLEP or other transfer credit are admitted as freshmen but are placed on the “transfer pattern” for the GE requirements and are therefore not held to the AERM requirement.
15. All students must complete a course that satisfies Lifelong Development (LLD). These courses can now be found in all areas of the curriculum, including Segments I, II, and III as well as courses in some majors, minors, or electives. If a student took a transfer course prior to Fall 2014 that was equivalent to a course at SF State approved for LLD, the student can file a GE petition to have that class meet the LLD requirement.
16. Courses taken in Fall 2014 or later and certified as meeting both American Institutions and GE requirements (e.g., BSS, HCA, or Segment III), may be used to fulfill both requirements.
17. Students who began their studies at SF State prior to Fall 2014 and who are readmitted with a minimum of 90 semester units, at least 30 of which were completed at SF State, will be placed on the pre-Fall 2014 GE program. Readmit students returning with fewer units will be held to the GE program, major, and baccalaureate requirements effective at the time of readmission. After reviewing their Degree Progress Report, these students should consult with the Undergraduate Advising Center about appropriate placement of prior coursework in the current GE if necessary.<sup>4</sup>
18. Transfer students who are admitted based on coursework in the Segment I (Written Communication, Oral Communication, Critical Thinking, and Quantitative Reasoning) that earned only 2 semester units are deemed to have met the GE area that the 2-unit course satisfied for the purposes of admission. Students will still need to have a minimum of 39 units of Segments I and II coursework and 48 units total of GE. The DPR is not programmed to allow just 2 units to satisfy a requirement, so students will need to file a GE petition requesting to have the Segment I requirement met.
19. Students changing their majors in Fall 2014 and beyond are held to the Complementary Studies requirement listed in the Bulletin at the time of the change. It is possible for an individual department to make an exception and exempt a student from Complementary Studies or substitute previously completed courses to meet the requirement. Students for whom this applies should consult with their new major department.

<sup>1</sup> Students applying to graduate in January 2014 or later were not held to this requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Effective with May 2014 graduating class and beyond.

<sup>3</sup> Students who were on the 9-unit system pattern and would have been denied graduation for that reason in Spring 2014 should be considered for higher-level review before being denied.

<sup>4</sup> Readmit students who return with 90 units earned, at least 30 of which were taken at SF State who had rights to the 40 unit General Studies Program will be placed on that program by GE petition.