GENERAL EDUCATION
FOR UNDERGRADUATES

For transfer students entering SF State Fall 2014 or later

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IF YOU ARE A TRANSFER STUDENT

General Education Pattern for Transfer Students
Transfer students may complete the required 39 units of lower division General Education (Areas A-E) with transfer coursework. All students must have a total of 48 units of GE.

English Language Communication and Critical Thinking
Oral Communication (A1) (3 Units)
Written Communication I (A2) (3 Units)
Critical Thinking (A3) (3 Units)
Written Communication II (A4) (0-3 Units)

Students who complete English Language Communication and Critical Thinking with only 9 units will need to take an additional 3 units from GE Areas A-E to meet the required 39 units.

Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning
Physical Sciences (B1) (3 Units)
Life Sciences (B2) (3 Units)
Physical or Life Sciences Lab (B3) (0-1 Units)
Math/Quantitative Reasoning (B4) (3 Units)

Arts and Humanities
Transfer students must complete 9 units of Area C coursework with at least one class (3 units minimum) in C1 and C2.
Creative Arts (C1), Humanities (C2), or Humanities: Literature (C3) (3 Units)

Social Sciences
Transfer students must complete 9 units minimum in Area D. Students who have completed this area without satisfying the US History and US and CA Government requirements may choose from the list of approved courses in the Bulletin. Transfer students who have not met the 9 units required in Area D must take additional courses in this area. These courses may also satisfy the US History and US and CA Government requirements (Areas D2 and D3).

Upper Division General Education
Prerequisites: upper division standing by the end of the semester the course is taken, and a C- or better in an Area A4 course.
Upper division Physical/Life Science (UD-B) (3 Units)
Upper division Arts/Humanities (UD-C) (3 Units)
Upper division Social Science (UD-D) (3 Units)

Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD/E) (0-3 Units)

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SF State Studies consists of four important areas of inquiry that are highly valued on our campus. Students take at least one course in each area; these may be lower or upper division, in GE, the major, minor or an elective. The same course may fulfill more than one area. Transfer students are encouraged to meet this requirement while completing upper division General Education (UD-B, UD-C, and UD-D).

**WHAT IS GENERAL EDUCATION?**

General Education is intended to provide the knowledge, skills, experiences, and perspectives that will enable SF State students to expand their capacities; to take part in a wide range of human interests and activities; to confront personal, cultural, moral, and social problems that are an inevitable part of human life; and to cultivate both the requisite skills and enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

**Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (LLD)**

Students can fulfill Lifelong Learning and Self-Development and SF State Studies while completing General Education, major, or minor requirements.

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