Frequently Asked Questions About CSU General Education and Transfer

What is CSU General Education? A pattern of courses that community college students can use to complete the lower-division (freshman and sophomore) general education (GE) requirements for any California State University (CSU) campus.

How should I prepare to transfer?
⇒ Explore majors and careers aligned with your motivations for attending college.
⇒ Manage your time and schedule adequate hours to study outside of class.
⇒ Plan to study two hours per week for each unit enrolled (example: 12 units = 24 hours study per week)
⇒ Work for the best grades possible. Earning a higher transfer GPA gives you more options.

What classes should I take for transfer to CSU?
⇒ Early on, complete the “Golden Four”: CSU GE Areas A1, A2, A3 and B4 (on back of this flyer).
⇒ Enroll in general education classes that interest you (on back of this flyer).
⇒ Complete lower division courses in your major. Very important for majors with many required courses.
⇒ Make an appointment with a counselor to write a Student Educational Plan (SEP).

How do I find the courses required for my major? To find lower-division courses major course requirements at CSU, go to the ASSIST website (www.assist.org) and/or complete an Associate Degree for Transfer (AS-T/AA-T) at Chabot College (see the Chabot College Catalog on the web). Consult with a counselor for more information.

What else should I know about CSU GE? Area F is not required prior to transfer, only for CSU graduation. However, many students complete this requirement before transfer because the courses in Area F can also be used in Area D (“double counted”). Note: each year the CSU GE pattern is updated, so it’s important when selecting courses to look at the current year’s CSU GE pattern/flyer and/or the ASSIST website. Consult with a counselor for clarification.

How can I get more help with transfer? Make an appointment with a Chabot College counselor to develop a Student Educational Plan (SEP). Join a Chabot College Learning Community, First Year Experience (FYE), Special Program, and/or take a Psychology-Counseling (PSCN) course to learn skills for college success. Meet with transfer representatives & attend workshops in the Career Transfer Center. Attend Transfer Day. Visit/tour transfer schools.

Why should I have my CSU GE courses “certified” before I transfer? To avoid having to complete additional lower division general education courses after transfer. Students who complete CSU GE need to request GE “certification” from the Chabot College Admissions Office at the same time they request that a final transcript be sent to the one CSU campus where they have accepted an offer of admission. If CSU GE isn’t completed prior to transfer, partial certification of CSU GE is also available. Certification is automatic for students earning AA-T or AS-T degrees.

Chabot College Counseling Department

For appointment information, go to http://www.chabotcollege.edu/counseling/appointments.asp

NOTE: Every effort has been made to publish accurate information. For the most up-to-date general education and transfer course information, go to the ASSIST website at: www.assist.org. SS 6/27/17
CSU GE

CSU GENERAL EDUCATION BREADTH REQUIREMENTS
Effective Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018

*Courses marked with an asterisk (*) may only be used in one GE Area (exception: courses in Area F may also be used in Area D)
+Courses marked with a cross (+) are cross-listed (similar to) with another course. Unit limitations may apply.

A. ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING
Complete one course from each group: A1, A2, and A3. (9 semester units)

A1- Oral Communication:
Communication Studies 1, 20, 46*

A2- Written Communication:
English 1A

A3- Critical Thinking:
Communication Studies 46*, English 4, English 7, History 5

Grades of "C" or better are required in Area A.

B. SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING
One course must include a lab (labs are underlined)
Complete one course from each group: B1, B2, B3, and B4. (9 semester units)

B1 - Physical Sciences
Astronomy 10, 20, 30
Biotechnology 20
Chemistry 1A, 1B, 5, 10, 12A, 12B, 30A, 30B, 31
Geography T, II, 8, 13
Geology 1
Physical Science 15
Physics 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5, 11

B2 - Life Sciences
Anatomy 1
Anthropology 1*, 1L, 13
Biology 2, 4, 6, 10, 25, 31, 50
Environmental Science 10, 11, 15, 15L
Microbiology 1
Physiology 1
Psychology 4*

B3 - Lab Science Requirement
Any underlined number satisfies this requirement.

B4 - Mathematics
Grade of "C" or better required in Area B4
Mathematics 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 15, 16, 20, 31, 33,
36, 37, 41, 43+; Psychology 5+

C. ARTS AND HUMANITIES
Complete three courses, with at least one course from each group: C1 and C2 (9 semester units)

C1 - Arts (Art, Dance, Music, Theatre)
Architecture 14
Art History 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 20+, 51A
Film 50, 60
Music (MUSL) 1, 2A, 3, 4, 5, 8
Photography 20+
Theater Arts 1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14

C2 - Humanities (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Languages)
Chinese 1A, 1B
Communication Studies 2, 6
English 11A, 12A, 13A, 20, 21*, 22*, 24, 25, 26, 28, 31,
32, 35, 41, 45, 48
French 1A, 1A1, 1A2, 1B1, 1B2, 2A, 2B
German 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B
History 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*
Humanities 50, 60, 65, 68
Italian 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B
Japanese 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B
Philosophy 50, 60, 65, 70
Religious Studies 50, 64, 65, 70, 72
Sign Language 64, 65
Spanish 1A, 1A1, 1A2, 1B1, 1B2, 2A, 2B, 5

C.1 or C.2

D. SOCIAL SCIENCES
Complete three courses from at least two different disciplines/subjects (9 semester units)

D.1
Administration of Justice 45+, 50, 60
Anthropology 1*, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7*, 8, 12
Business 20+, 36
Communication Studies 11+, 12, 50
Computer Application Systems 50
Early Childhood Development 40, 52, 56*, 62, 67
Economics 1, 2, 10
English 21*, 22*, 33
Entrepreneurship 5
Environmental Studies 1

D.2
Ethnic Studies 1, 2, 3, 21+, 22+, 25+
General Studies 31*
Geography 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 20
Global Studies 1+, 2
History 1*, 2*, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, 19, 20, 21+, 22+, 25+, 27
Mass Communication 40, 41
Political Science 1, 12, 20, 25, 30, 45+
Psychology 1, 2, 3, 4*, 5, 6, 12*, 33
Psychology - Counseling 1, 4+, 13
Sociology 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

D.3

E. LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF DEVELOPMENT
Complete 3 semester units

E.1
Communication Studies 10
Early Childhood Development 54, 56
Environmental Science 12
Health 1, 4, 8+, 16
Fire Science 7*
Kinesiology 6, 10, 11, 14, 19, 24+
Nutrition 1, 57, 58

E.2
Physical Education Activity: Any course with rubrics of: ADPE, ATHL
DANC or PEAC (limit 2 semester units of all activity classes)
Psychology 8+.
Psychology - Counseling 7, 10, 11, 20
Sociology 8+

NOTE: AREA E, waived and 3 units granted for students with a DD-214

F. US History, Constitution and American Ideals Required for CSU graduation only. Courses may also be used in Area D

F.1
Complete two courses from one of the groups below.

Group 1: History 7 and one course from:
History 8, 12

Group 2: Political Science 1 and one course from:
History 7, 8, 20, 21+, 22+, 25+, 27, or
Ethnic Studies 21+, 22+, 25+

F.2