About the IGETC Pattern
The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) is a general education pattern that will fulfill all lower division general education requirements at all California State University (CSU) campuses and most University of California (UC) campuses/majors. It is also accepted by some private/independent or out-of-state universities. IGETC is usually recommended for students who intend to transfer to a UC campus, or who are not yet sure of their intended transfer university. Completion of the IGETC pattern is not an admission requirement for transfer to most UC or CSU campuses, nor is it the only way to fulfill the lower division GE requirements of a UC or CSU campus prior to transfer.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with a counselor to determine which general education pattern is most appropriate for their individual educational goals.

Rules for using the IGETC pattern
- Each course must have been IGETC approved at the time it was taken. See www.assist.org for a list of certified courses and approval dates.
- Courses may be approved for more than one IGETC area. However, each course may be used to certify only one of the areas it is approved for.
- Students should apply for IGETC certification at the last community college attended prior to transfer. Forms are available under Admissions and Records, Other Forms or at Window 6 in the Office of Admissions and Records.
- AP credit and coursework completed at accredited U.S. colleges and universities may be used to fulfill some IGETC requirements. All such credit must be evaluated through Admissions and Records. Foreign coursework is not acceptable.
- All courses must be passed with a “C” or higher, “C-" is not acceptable.
- Students transferring to UC need not complete the Oral Communication requirement (Area 1C).
- Students transferring to CSU need not complete the Languages Other than English requirement.
- Some UC campuses do not allow use of IGETC for students who were previously enrolled at a UC campus.
- Some community college courses have limitations on the amount of credit awarded by the receiving university. See a counselor, the course description in the college catalog, or www.assist.org for more information.

IGETC is NOT recommended for the following transfer destinations
- UC San Diego Revelle and Eleanor Roosevelt Colleges
- UC Berkeley Colleges of Business, Chemistry, Environmental Design (Architecture), Engineering, Natural Resources, Optometry.
- UC Davis College of Engineering
- UC Irvine Schools of Engineering, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences
- UC Riverside Colleges of Engineering, Natural and Agricultural Sciences
- UC Santa Barbara Colleges of Engineering, Creative Studies
- UC Los Angeles Schools of Engineering and Applied Science

The IGETC Pattern
Area 1
English Communication: A minimum of nine units required; choose one from each group. Note: Students transferring to the University of California do not have to meet the oral communication requirement or the unit requirement of Area 1.

Group A
English Composition: one course, three semester /four to five quarter units.
ENGL B1a

Group B
Critical Thinking-English Composition: one course, three semester /four to five quarter units. Courses must have English Composition as a prerequisite. AP credit may not be used.
ENGL B2, B3, PHIL B9

Group C
Oral Communication: one course, three semester /four to five quarter units.
COMM B1, B2, B4, B8

Area 2
Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning: one course, three semester /4-5 quarter units.
MATH B1a, B1b, B2, B6a, B6b, B6c, B6d, B6e, B22, B23
PSYC B5

Area 3
Arts and Humanities: At least three courses, nine semester /12-15 quarter units. At least one course from the arts and one from the humanities.

A. Arts:
ART B1, B2, B4, B35, B36, B37
MUSC B2, B4a, B4b, B21a, B21b, B22, B23, B27
THEA B12a, B20, B31, B32

B. Humanities:
ASL B2, B3
ENGL B1b, B5a, B5b, B10, B21, B24, B27, B28, B30a, B30b
HIST B1, B2, B4a, B4b, B15, B17a, B17b, B18, B20a, B20b, B25, B30a, B30b, B36
JAPN B2
MUSC B24
PHIL B6a, B10, B18, B32, B33, B37
SPAN B3, B4

Area 4
Social and Behavioral Sciences: At least three courses, nine semester /12-15 quarter units. Courses from at least two disciplines or an interdisciplinary sequence.

ANTH B2, B3, B5
CHDV B21
COMM B6
ECON B1, B2
GEOG B2

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HIST B1, B2, B4a, B4b, B15, B17a, B17b, B18, B20a, B20b, B25, B30a, B30b, B36
JRNL B1
POLS B1, B2, B3, B16
PSYC B1a, B6, B20, B33, B40
SOCI B1, B2, B20, B28, B36, B45

Area 5
Physical and Biological Sciences: The IGETC physical and biological science area requires a minimum of two courses, one physical science and one biological science course and at least one of the two must include a laboratory, seven to nine semester/nine to twelve quarter units. Physical and biological science courses that include a laboratory component are listed below in C.

A. Physical Sciences:
ASTR B1, B2, B3
CHEM B1a, B2a, B11, B18
ERSC B10
GEOG B1, B3
GEOL B10, B11
PHYS B2a, B4a

B. Biological Sciences:
ANTH B1
BIOL B3a, B3b, B7, B11, B16, B20
B32, B33
CRPS B10
PSYC B1b

C. Laboratory Science:
BIOL B3a, B3b, B7, B11, B16, B20, B32, B33
CHEM B1a, B2a, B11, B18
CRPS B10
ERSC B10L
GEOG B1L
GEOL B10L, B11L
PHYS B2a, B4a

Area 6-Language Other than English
UC Requirement Only. In order to complete IGETC for the University of California system, students are required to demonstrate competence/proficiency in a language other than English equal to two years of high school study. Competence may be demonstrated through the following mechanisms:
1. Completion of two years of the same foreign language of high school level work with grades of “C” or better;
2. Completion of a course or courses at a college or university, with a grade of “C” or better in each course. Usually, one semester of college work in a language other than English is equivalent to two years of high school work;

Any one of the following course or courses completed with a grade of “C” or better will fulfill the requirement.

6A: Languages Other Than English
ASL B1 American Sign Language 1
ASL B2 American Sign Language 2
ASL B3 American Sign Language 3
ASL B4 American Sign Language 4
JAPN B1 Elementary Japanese
JAPN B2 Elementary Japanese

SPAN B1 Elementary Spanish I
SPAN B2 Elementary Spanish II
SPAN B3 Intermediate Spanish I
SPAN B4 Intermediate Spanish II
SPAN B35 Spanish for Heritage Speakers I
SPAN B36 Spanish for Heritage Speakers II

3. Achieve a satisfactory score on the SAT Subject test in languages other than English, as listed below. If the test was taken before May 1995, the first score is the minimum; if the test was taken after May 1995, the second score is the minimum:
   - Chinese With Listening: not offered before 1995/520
   - French/French With Listening:500/540
   - German/German With Listening:500/510
   - Hebrew (Modern):500/470
   - Italian:500/520
   - Japanese With Listening:500/510
   - Korean/Korean With Listening: not offered before 1995/500
   - Latin:500/530
   - Spanish/Spanish With Listening:500/520

4. Achieve a score of 3, 4 or 5 on a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examination in a language other than English.

5. Achieve a score of 5 or higher on an International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher level Examination in a language other than English.

6. Complete, with grades of C or better, two years of formal schooling at the sixth-grade level or higher in an institution where the language of instruction is not English. If secondary school was completed in a non-English-speaking country and the language of instruction of the secondary school was not English, language other than English proficiency can be certified for IGETC without further evaluation. The student must present appropriate documentation of attendance at the secondary school.

7. Earn a passing grade on the international A level or O level exam in a language other than English.

8. If appropriate achievement test is not available to assert proficiency, have competency verified by a faculty member associated with a California community college. Such verification requires that the college provide a document on letterhead asserting that the student’s proficiency in the language is equivalent to two years of high school study. See a counselor for more information. Only students who have no other means to verify foreign language proficiency may pursue this option. Students must petition for faculty member verification through the Evaluations office.

9. A Defense language Institute language other than English course which is indicated as passed with a “C” or higher on the official transcript.

10. Completion of courses above proficiency level, with grades of C or better, may also be used to meet the requirement.