

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IGETC

1. What is IGETC?

IGETC stands for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum.

Completion of the IGETC will permit a student to transfer from a California community college to a CSU or UC campus generally without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower division, general education courses to satisfy campus general education requirements. Individual colleges or majors within a CSU or UC campus may not accept IGETC for meeting general education, and there may be additional non-general education lower-division graduation requirements to be met (e.g., foreign language, multi-cultural studies, American history and Institutions). Check with a counselor for more information.

2. Is IGETC an admission requirement?

No. Completion of IGETC is not an admission requirement or admission guarantee for transfer to CSU or UC, nor is it the only way to fulfill the lower-division, general education requirements. Check with a counselor for more information.

3. Is it advisable for all transfer students to follow IGETC?

No.

IGETC is optimal for students who want to keep their options open before making a final decision about transferring to a particular CSU or UC campus. Depending on a student's major, the student may find it advantageous to take courses fulfilling CSU's general education requirements or those of the UC campus or college to which the student plans to transfer.

Students transferring to a CSU campus may choose to use the CSU GE-Breadth pattern in lieu of IGETC. Students may elect the GE pattern (CSU GE-Breadth or IGETC) for certification at the time of transfer. We encourage students to discuss transfer plans with a counselor to help decide which GE pattern is the best option for you.

4. Must the entire IGETC program be completed prior to transfer?

Preferably, yes.

Partial certification is defined as completed all but two (2) courses on the IGETC pattern. The student petitions for certification and either complete or partial certification is sent by DVC to the CSU or UC.

Each CSU or UC campus will inform the student that has submitted a partially certified IGETC of the specific timelines and courses needed to complete the IGETC. The CSU or UC is responsible for verifying that the missing IGETC course(s) has been completed, not DVC's Admissions and Record Office.

Warning: Students need to meet minimum CSU/UC transfer admission requirements. Therefore, partial certification that acknowledges a deficiency in IGETC Areas 1 and/or 2 may also indicate a student does not meet minimum transfer requirements.

5. May coursework taken at other institutions be used to certify a student's completion of IGETC?

Yes, with stipulations.

Coursework from another California community college will be applied to the subject area in which it is listed by the institution where the work was completed. DVC may certify courses from other United States regionally accredited colleges and universities, and coursework from these institutions will be placed in the same subject areas as those for DVC. Appropriate courses taken at other colleges and universities may be used on IGETC only if they are judged as equivalent to courses on any California community college IGETC list. However, except for California community colleges, coursework from other institutions will not be used to fulfill the critical thinking/English composition requirement (Area 1B). In addition, foreign coursework may not be part of a student's IGETC certification unless the institution has US regional accreditation. In order to have your previous schools record evaluated for IGETC certification, your official transcript must be sent to DVC and then make a counseling appointment, requesting an IGETC evaluation.

6. Will students be required to earn a minimum grade in all courses used for IGETC certification?

Yes.

A minimum of "C" grade is required in each course for IGETC. A "C" is defined as a minimum of 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale. A "C-" grade valued at less than 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale cannot be used for IGETC certification. Courses in which a student receives a "Credit/Pass" may be certified for IGETC if the community college's policy states that a "Credit/Pass" designation is equivalent to a "C" or higher (DVC has this policy). The UC system allows a maximum of 14 semester units graded "Credit/Pass." Each CSU campus has established its own policy on limitations for courses transferred with grades of "Credit/Pass." Check with a counselor.

7. Is there a minimum unit value per course?

Yes. A course must have a minimum unit value of 3 semester or 4 quarter units to meet the requirements for IGETC. Laboratory courses intended to accompany lecture courses are an exception to this guideline. It is not acceptable to take three 1 unit courses to fulfill a 3 unit requirement.

8. Can a course be used both to satisfy an IGETC requirement and to fulfill a major requirement?

Yes. Courses used to satisfy the IGETC requirements may be double counted toward preparation for major requirements except for individual campus restrictions.

9. Can AP scores be applied to IGETC?

Yes. A score of 3, 4, or 5 is required to grant credit for IGETC certification. There is no equivalent AP exam for Area 1B, Critical Thinking/Composition requirement. AP exam may be listed in more than one area, but shall not be certified in more than one area except for Languages other than English.

10. Can a course be used to satisfy more than one subject area?

No. A single course may be used only once for IGETC except Language Other than English. A course may be listed in more than one area, but it may be used to satisfy only one subject requirement. The only exception is CSU American history and Institutions graduation requirement.

11. Is certification of IGETC completion automatic?

No. You must request IGETC certification from the DVC Admissions Office, usually at the same time you request your final transcript to be sent to the CSU or UC campus to which you will be transferring.