**Cal-GETC Standards Version 1.0**

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**My purpose in providing the following as my Articulation Report is to make sure that we stay informed and that we keep up-to-date on Cal-GETC**

**Areas of Distribution for Cal-GETC**

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum is comprised of courses taught at California Community Colleges that satisfy specific areas of general education:

AREA 1 - ENGLISH COMMUNICATION (Three courses: one English Composition, one Critical Thinking and Composition, and one Oral Communication. 9 semester or 12 quarter units)

1A: ENGLISH COMPOSITION (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

1B: CRITICAL THINKING AND COMPOSITION (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

1C: ORAL COMMUNICATION (One Course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

AREA 2 - MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter unit)

AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES (Two courses: one Arts and one Humanities. 6 semester or 8 quarter units)

3A: ARTS (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

3B: HUMANITIES (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

AREA 4 - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (Two courses: two academic disciplines. 6 semester or 8 quarter units)

AREA 5 - PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (Two courses: one Physical Science and one Biological Science. One of the two courses must be associated with a one-semester or one-quarter unit laboratory [Section 9.5.3]. 7 semester units or 9 quarter units)

5A: PHYSICAL SCIENCE (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

5B: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units) 5C: LABORATORY (1 semester or 1 quarter unit)

AREA 6 – ETHNIC STUDIES (One course: 3 semester units or 4 quarter units)

This course must be in ethnic studies or in a similar field provided that the course is cross-listed with ethnic studies

**Note** that some individual colleges or majors within **a UC campus** may not accept or recommend Cal-GETC to fulfill all of their general education requirements. A list of those UC colleges and majors is found on the UC Admissions web page (under “general education”).

Note: Students transferring to **a CSU** who have Cal-GETC certified as complete **will still need to complete 9 semester units of upper-division general education** (GE) after transfer and may also be held to other campus specific graduation requirements outside of general education and major coursework.

If a course is currently approved for an IGETC area that **directly aligns** with the to-be- requested Cal-GETC area, and (i) the Cal-GETC areas criteria and standards do not differ from those of the IGETC area (cf., Cal-GETC Area 6: Ethnic Studies), and (ii) the course has not been substantively modified since its initial approval, the course will be **“grandfathered”** as an approved Cal-GETC course in the corresponding area of Cal-GETC.

A course **previously approved for CSU GE area A1** (Oral Communication) would **NOT be grandfathered** into Cal-GETC approval since the criteria and standards for Cal-GETC Area 1C (Oral Communication) are different than those for CSU GE Area A1 (Oral Communication). Note: it is not that the course is “de-listed”; instead, the course was never approved for Cal-GETC and does not carry any (even transient) approval status.

**Re-evaluation of existing approvals**

Occasionally, during the Cal-GETC review cycle certain existing Cal-GETC course(s) are reviewed to verify that the course(s) continue to meet the Cal-GETC standards.

**5.1.4 Review of new course submissions**

Areas in Cal-GETC that do not fully correspond to prior categories of CSU GE or IGETC will require an initial submission and review for each course to be offered.

Example: A CCC submits a course for the new Cal-GETC **Area 1C (Oral Communication)**. Any prior approval for any area of IGETC or for CSU GE is irrelevant. The course **cannot be grandfathered in** because there is no equivalent prior category in either IGETC or CSU GE for Cal-GETC area 1C. The course is not approved (but may be invited for resubmission).

**Textbooks**

Identifying the course textbook (or textbooks/textbook-equivalents) is a required element of the submission process:

· Textbooks must be identified in the CCC Course Outline of Record (COR) and published within seven years of the course submission date or clearly identified as a classic in the COR.

· Open Educational Resources (OER), or online texts, are acceptable if they are constant and publicly available as published textbooks (i.e., not as a list of web links).

· Laboratory science courses must have a clearly identified Laboratory Manual included in the COR.

**Courses Not Appropriate for Cal-GETC**

**Courses That Focus on Personal, Practical, or Applied Aspects**

Content taught in courses applicable to and appropriate for Cal-GETC shall be presented from a theoretical point of view and focus on the core concepts and research methods of the discipline. Courses such as Everyday Legal Problems, Beginning Drawing, News Writing, Physical Education, College Success, Library Science or Child Development: Implications for Child Guidance are examples of courses that focus on personal, practical, or applied aspects and therefore do not meet Cal-GETC criteria.

**Introductory Courses to Professional Programs**

Courses such as Introduction to Business, Set Design for Theater, and Writing for Commercial Markets and other introductory professional courses are not considered to have sufficient breadth to meet general education requirements and are therefore excluded from Cal-GETC.

**Summary of Non-Applicable Courses including, but not limited to, the following** Courses not transferable to the CSU and UC using Cal-GETC:

· Pre-baccalaureate courses (including remedial English composition)

· Variable Topics

· Directed Study

· Independent Study

· Personal, Practical, Skills Courses

· Introductory courses to professional programs

· Performance Courses

· Creative Writing

· Logic

· Computer Science

· Trigonometry, unless combined with college algebra or pre-calculus

· Course outlines not written in, or translated to, English.

**Unit Value**

A course must have a minimum unit value of 3 semester or 4 quarter units to meet the requirements for Cal-GETC. Laboratory courses intended to accompany lecture courses are an exception to this guideline (e.g., Section 9.5.3). It is not allowable to take three 1 semester unit courses to fulfill a 3-semester unit requirement. As a rule, the content of a sequence of 1-unit courses will not provide the depth, scope and rigor of a single 3-unit course (see exception below).

**Subject Area 1: English Communication**

Provides detailed information to be reviewed.

**Subject Area 1C: Oral Communication**

The Cal-GETC Area 1C (Oral Communication) requirement can only be fulfilled by a course taught in English (see Section 5.1.8). Cal-GETC Area 1C (Oral Communication) can be fulfilled by an approved course that provides students with the foundational knowledge and practice of public speaking in a democratic society, to enable them to successfully communicate ideas of an informative and persuasive nature in the public speaking mode, and to critically evaluate the speeches of others.

Students who have completed this requirement shall have been exposed to coursework that is designed to convey and provide practice in:

· understanding the theoretical foundations of creating and sharing knowledge, including the canons of rhetoric and the Aristotelian proofs of ethos, pathos, and logos

· finding, critically examining, and using supporting materials from primary and secondary sources for credibility, accuracy, and relevance in their speeches and presentations

· conceptualizing and effectively using compelling arguments in support of a guiding thesis and organizational pattern appropriate for the audience, occasion, and across a variety of contexts

· knowing and adhering to ethical communication practices which include truthfulness, accuracy, honesty, and reason as essential to the integrity of communication

· demonstrating rhetorical sensitivity to diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, and accessibility

· practicing and refining the concepts presented in the course through a variety of well-prepared faculty-supervised, faculty-evaluated speeches delivered to a live audience (one to many) using effective delivery techniques

· employing effective verbal and nonverbal practices while delivering a speech and managing communication apprehension

· listening critically to provide constructive criticism to peers

· applying rhetorical principles to analyze historical and contemporary public discourse

Note: Certification of a course for CSU GE Area A1 (Oral Communication) does not necessarily imply that the course could meet Cal-GETC Area 1C (Oral Communication) requirements (see section 5.1.1).

**Subject Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning**

Symbolic Logic, Computer Programming and survey courses are generally deemed **unacceptable** to fulfill the Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

Mathematics for Teachers is not to be accepted for Cal-GETC Area 2 (Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning) because the level of mathematics covered does not exceed elementary school mathematical competencies.

**Subject Area 3: Arts and Humanities**

(2 courses: 6 semester or 8 quarter units)

At least one Cal-GETC Area 3A (Arts) course and one Cal-GETC Area 3B (Humanities) course are required.

**Courses That Do Not Fulfill the Arts Requirement**

Courses which focus on technique, skills or performance do not meet the Cal-GETC Area 3A (Arts) requirement (e.g., Beginning Drawing, Beginning Painting, and Readers Theater and Oral Interpretation courses focusing primarily on performance) (see Section 5.3.1).

**Courses That Do Not Fulfill the Humanities Requirement**

Courses such as English Composition, Logic, Speech, Creative Writing, Oral Interpretation, Readers Theatre, and all elementary language other than English courses are skills or performance courses that do not meet the curricular specifications for Cal-GETC Area 3B (Humanities).

**Subject Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences**

Two academic disciplines are required.

Note: CSU campuses have the discretion on whether to allow Cal-GETC Area 4 (Social and Behavioral Sciences) courses to also satisfy the CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals (AI) graduation requirement.

**Courses That Do Not Fulfill the Social and Behavioral Sciences Requirement**

Courses that are not taught from the perspective of a social or behavioral science do not meet Cal-GETC Area 4 (Social and Behavioral Sciences) requirements. Consequently, courses such as Physical Geography and Statistics do not meet the Cal-GETC specifications for this area and are not approved. Community colleges should resubmit these courses in more appropriate subject areas. Courses with a practical, personal, career professional or applied focus are not approved (see Section 5.3.1). Administration of Justice courses may be approved if the content focuses on core concepts of the social and behavioral sciences.

**Subject Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences**

(At least 2 courses: 7 semester or 9 quarter units)

A minimum of one course in each area is required, and at least one must include a lab.

**Courses That Do Not Fulfill the Physical and Biological Sciences Requirement**

Human Nutrition, Horticulture, Forestry, Health, and Human Environment courses were determined to have a narrow or applied focus and therefore **unacceptable** for this area.

Courses which do not focus on the core concepts of a physical science discipline, such as “Energy and the Way We Live,” are not acceptable. Courses which survey both the physical and biological sciences but are not comparable in depth and

scope to a traditional science course or focus on a particular subject **will not satisfy** Cal- GETC Area 5 requirements.

**Subject Area 6: Ethnic Studies**

CSU’s definition of the Ethnic Studies Core Competencies requirement

UC’s definition of the Ethnic Studies Core Competencies requirement

Courses without ethnic studies prefixes may meet this requirement if cross-listed with a course with an ethnic studies prefix. Courses that are approved to meet this requirement shall meet at least 3 of the 5 core competencies.