I-G-E-T-C: Find out what it means to me

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IGETC overview and history
Purpose The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) began in 1991 to provide an option for California Community College students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements before transferring to either a California State University or University of California campus. The curriculum and its policies are overseen by the Intersegmental Council of Academic Senates (ICAS), representing faculty from California's three segments of public higher education.

ICAS includes representatives of the Academic Senates from all three segments of public higher education in CA.
IGETC Standards
• The IGETC Standards is a manual that outlines the rules and regulations for meeting each of the IGETC areas
• Because IGETC is valid for UC and CSU, the Standards are valid for all segments of public higher education in California
• A subcommittee of faculty and articulation officers/experts from UC, CSU, and the CCC meet in the spring of each year to review and update the Standards
• You’ll find a roster of the subcommittee members on the IGETC Standards website
• Agreed-on changes/updates are incorporated into the IGETC Standards, and the updated version is published in May or June
• The current (2022-23) version is Version 2.3 and was published in June 2022
IGETC for UC

UC IGETC is comprised of:

- 11 courses + 1 proficiency requirement
- Minimum 34 semester or 45 quarter units
- Minimum grade required in each course: C or better, or the equivalent

1.1 Areas of Distribution for IGETC

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

AREA 1 - ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

1A: English Composition (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units)
1B: Critical Thinking - English Composition (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units)
1C: Oral Communication (CSU requirement only) (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

AREA 2A - MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS & QUANTITATIVE REASONING (One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES (Three courses: At least one from the Arts and one from the Humanities. 9 semester or 12 quarter units)

3A: ARTS
3B: HUMANITIES

AREA 4 - SOCIAL and BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (Three courses: At least two academic disciplines. 9 semester or 12 quarter units)

AREA 5 - PHYSICAL and BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (Two courses: One from the Physical Science and one from the Biological Science. One of the two courses must include a laboratory. 7 semester units or 9 quarter units)

5A: PHYSICAL SCIENCE
5B: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE
5C: LAB

AREA 6 - LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (UC Only Requirement) (Proficiency equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language.)

Pass (P) and Credit (CR) grades are acceptable for meeting IGETC, as long as the P or CR is equivalent to at least a C or better; P/CR grades that equate to a C- or D are NOT acceptable for IGETC.
2.0 Students Who May Use IGETC Completion of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) will permit a student to transfer from a California Community College to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus generally without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower-division, general education courses to satisfy campus general education requirements. For most students, it is strongly recommended that students complete IGETC prior to transfer. Advantages of completing IGETC may include more flexibility in class selection at the university and timely progress to degree completion. Most UC and CSU campuses will accept the completed IGETC to satisfy lower-division general education requirements. However, some individual colleges or majors within a UC campus may not accept or recommend IGETC to fulfill all of their general education requirements. A list of those UC colleges and majors is found on the following website: http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/general-education-igetc/igetc/igetc-campusguidance/index.html
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**Each course must have a minimum unit value of at least 3 semester or 4 quarter units**

- **10.0 Subject Areas and Course Guidelines**
- **10.1 Subject Area 1: English Communication (3 courses: 9 semester, 12 quarter units)**
  - Area 1A: English composition. One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units
  - Area 1B: Critical Thinking/English Composition. One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units
  - Area 1C: Oral Communication. One course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units
- **10.2 Subject Area 2A: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (1 course: 3 semester, 4 quarter units)**
- **10.3 Subject Area 3 A/B: Arts and Humanities (3 courses: 9 semester, 12 quarter units)** At least one course in the Arts and at least one course in the Humanities are required.
- **10.4 Subject Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 courses: 9 semester, 12 quarter units)** At least two academic disciplines are required.
- **10.5 Subject Area 5 A/B/C: Physical and Biological Sciences (At least 2 courses: 7 semester, 9 quarter units)** A minimum of one course in each area is required, **and at least one must include a lab.**
- **10.6 Language Other Than English (LOTE) Exception** Only students transferring to the UC are required to meet this Area.
New IGETC Area 7 – Ethnic Studies

Criteria published in IGETC standards 2.3 - June 2022

- TCA-approved courses may be submitted for IGETC Area 7 review - December 2022

- CCC courses may reflect Area 7 designation effective - Fall 2023

- Starting fall 2023, new students entering a CCC who follow IGETC will be required to fulfill the new Area 7 upon transfer to UC or CSU

- 13.5 New Section 10.7 Subject Area 7: Ethnic Studies

The CSU defines the Ethnic Studies Core Competencies requirement in the following way: This lower-division, 3 semester (4 quarter) unit requirement fulfills CSU Education Code Section 89032. The requirement to take a 3 semester (4 quarter) unit course in Area 7 shall not be waived or substituted.
Benefits of IGETC continued

Time to degree

- Satisfies most or all lower-division G.E. requirements at the UC campus
- IGETC may be shorter than what campus requires
- Most campuses will not accept high school LOTE for their G.E.

- Many UC G.E. patterns require more than 11 courses, and most will not allow high school coursework to meet any of those requirements.
- Some campuses may have additional upper-division G.E. requirements, but very few will have additional lower-division requirements.
- Area 6A of IGETC (LOTE) can be met with 2 years of high school coursework; most campuses will not allow high school courses to meet their G.E. requirements
Credit by external exams
Credit by external exams (AP & IB)

- No limit on number of exams
- Scores of 3, 4 or 5 only on AP exams
- Scores of 5, 6 or 7 only on IB HL exams
- One exam satisfies one course in one area
- No exam satisfies Area 1B

Unit Value
- Must have a minimum unit value of 3 semester or 4 quarter units

7.0 Credit by External Exams — There is no limit on the number of external exams that can be applied to IGETC. External exams may be used regardless of when the exam was taken.
- A score of 3, 4 or 5 on AP exams or 5, 6 or 7 on IB HL exams is required to grant credit for IGETC certification. An acceptable AP score for IGETC equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes.
- Each AP exam may be applied to one IGETC area as satisfying one course requirement, with the exception of Language other Than English (LOTE). Please see Section 10.6.3.
- Students who have earned credit from an AP or IB exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both.

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8.0 Unit Value — 8.1 Minimum Unit Value 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 (e.g., Section 10.5.3). 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 1 unit course will not provide the depth, scope and rigor of a single 3 unit course (see exception below).
Section 7.0 includes the various external exams that can be used on IGETC. Includes an AP and IB IGETC chart.

7.0 Credit by External Exams There is no limit on the number of external exams that can be applied to IGETC. External exams may be used regardless of when the exam was taken. 7.1 Advanced Placement (AP) A score of 3, 4 or 5 is required to grant credit for IGETC certification. An acceptable AP score for IGETC equates to either 3 semester or 4 quarter units for certification purposes. Each AP exam may be applied to one IGETC area as satisfying one course requirement, with the exception of Language other Than English (LOTE). Please see Section 10.6.3. Students who have earned credit from an AP exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not be granted for both.

There is no equivalent AP exam for Area 1B- Critical Thinking/Composition requirement. Exception note-AP exams in Environmental Science, Physics C: Mechanics and Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism allow CCC campuses to apply 3 semester or 4 quarter units are applied for IGETC certification. Note: Students who complete these exams will be required to complete at least 4 semester or 5 quarter units to satisfy the minimum required units for Area 5. Please see Section 10.5 for more details.
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• There is no equivalent AP exam for Area 1B- Critical Thinking/Composition requirement.
LOTE proficiency

Area 6/6A: Language other than English
AREA 6/6A LOTE proficiency

High school courses (Section 10.6.1)

• In a school with English as the language of instruction
  • Complete 2nd level high school LOTE with letter grade of C or better
  • May use high school level LOTE courses completed in 7th and 8th grade
• In an institution where the language of instruction is not English:
  • Formal schooling through the 6th grade level or higher

• Area6/6A is not a coursework requirement, but rather is just a proficiency requirement and can be met in multiple ways, including with a CCC course:

• 10.6 Language Other Than English (LOTE) Exception Only students transferring to the UC are required to meet this Area.
• 10.6.1 Certification of Competence in a Language Other Than English Students transferring to the University of California are required to demonstrate competence (proficiency) in a language other than English equal to two years/second level of high school instruction..by High School coursework or College courses (continued)... Pre-college options
  • 2nd level LOTE of high school-level instruction:
    • A letter grade of “C” or better in the second semester of a yearlong high school-level course alone is acceptable to meet the requirement.
    • UC does not recognize +/-grades (e.g., C= C) at the high school level
    • If a student completes two years of a language it must be in the same language
    • One year each of two different languages does not meet the requirement
• 7th/8th grade coursework:
  • Must be completed with C or better grades
  • Must be equivalent to 2nd level of high school language
• Formal schooling outside the U.S.:
  • Students are considered proficient in the language in which they were educated through 6th grade or beyond; “native language” is not the same as “language of instruction.”
Testing options

• See IGETC Standards for acceptable SAT II scores
• AP scores of 3, 4 or 5
• IB (Higher Level only) scores of 5, 6 or 7
• GCSE/IGCSE/O-level exam with grade of A, B or C
• GCE A-level exam with grade of A, B or C
College options

- College LOTE course(s):
  - Must be completed with grades equivalent to a C (2.0) grade or higher
  - LOTE for Native Speakers is allowed

- College and University Proficiency Test:
  - Must be assessed at level equivalent to the 2nd level of high school LOTE
  - Assessment must be posted on the transcript with course title, units and a grade, or on a letter-headed document indicating proficiency equivalent to the 2nd level of high school study.

- To certify Area 6/6A, the student must submit high school or international transcript/academic record to CCC for verification.
- Unofficial transcripts are acceptable only for LOTE certification
MYTH #1: In high school, a student earns a D grade in the first semester of FRENCH 2 and a C grade in the second semester of FRENCH 2. LOTE has not been satisfied.

REALITY - Completion of the second level of high school coursework in a language other than English with a letter grade of “C-” or better in the second semester of the second year will satisfy LOTE.

MYTH #2: Student completes SPAN 1A at a CCC (this course is equivalent to the 2nd level of high school instruction) with a letter grade of a C. LOTE has not been satisfied.

REALITY – Satisfactory completion of a course (or courses) at a college or university equivalent to the 2nd level of high school instruction, with a letter grade of “C” (2.0 or higher or a “Credit/Pass” grade where passing is equivalent to 2.00 or higher) in each course, will meet the LOTE proficiency requirement.

MYTH#1: In High School, student completes FRENCH 2 with a DC grades. LOTE has not been satisfied. REALITY - Completion of the second level of high school coursework in a language other than English with a letter grade of “C-” or better in the second semester of the second year will satisfy LOTE.

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1. Coursework a. High school courses i. In a high school where the language of instruction is English, completion of the second level of high school coursework in a language other than English with a letter grade of “C-” or better in the second semester of the second year.

• Usually, one semester of college work in a language other than English is equivalent to two years of high school-level instruction. The equivalency is usually stated in the college catalog. The appropriate courses that can be used to satisfy the LOTE requirement is indicated on the approved IGETC list of each community college and reflected at assist.org, the official repository of articulated courses.
Using non-CCC coursework on IGETC
Using non-CCC coursework to meet Area 1A and Area 2A

- Non-CCC coursework must be from U.S. regionally-accredited institutions
- Courses from non-CCC institutions should be similar in content and level
- If a course has been determined by UC or CSU to meet minimum transfer admissions eligibility, the course may be applied to IGETC

Per the IGETC Standards Section 5.2.1 Lower-division Courses
5.2.1 Lower-division Courses A California Community College may include non-CCC lower-division courses that are completed at a United States regionally accredited institution and meet IGETC specifications if the following criteria are met:
The coursework completed at these institutions is deemed by the CCC faculty in the discipline or their designee (e.g., Articulation Officer) to be comparable to coursework on that community college’s approved IGETC course list; or
2. if the certifying CCC does not have an IGETC comparable course for a non-CCC course, but there is a comparable course at another CCC which is found on their IGETC pattern, the course may be used on IGETC as long as the course outlines are comparable in content, prerequisites, texts, units, and conformity to IGETC Area Standards (please see Section 10.0 for Standards); or
3. if there is no comparable course at either the certifying CCC or another CCC’s, then the certifying CCC may use the non-CCC course on the IGETC provided that the non-CCC course conforms to the IGETC Area Standards (please see Section 10.0 for Standards); or
4. if the non-CCC course was completed prior to the CCC course’s IGETC effective date and meets the criteria as outlined in number 2 above, the non-CCC course may be applied to IGETC; or
5. if a course has been determined by UC or CSU to meet minimum transfer admissions eligibility, the course may be applied to IGETC (e.g., UC-E, UC-M, UC-S, etc.).
ENGL 099 - does not meet UCE, course description discusses writing paragraphs, sentence structure, punctuation and provides practice.

ENC 1101 does meet UCE/Area 1A.

Area 1A: English Composition/Literature
- Include substantial instructional and practice in expository essay writing at college level with a minimum of 5,000 words.
- Should include reading of significant literature/essays
- Instruction in critical thinking is to be designed to achieve an understanding of the relationship of language to logic, which should lead to the ability to analyze, criticize, and advocate ideas, to reason inductively and deductively, and to identify the assumptions upon which particular conclusions depend.
MATH 1414 College Algebra is an approved UCM transferable course.

MATH 142 Precalculus II is **NOT** an approved UCM transferable course, this course will not meet AREA 2A

***we do not allow trigonometry topics in a UC approved UCM Math course. Those CCC courses approved with trigonometry topics are those courses that have been vetted through the TCA process.

--courses used at your institution to satisfy AREA 2A, may not be UC transferable, and count towards the UCM requirement. [In reference to, for example, if a CCC approved MATH & 142 as an IGETC course for AREA 2A, the UC does not consider this a UCM transferable mathematics course].

Area 2A:

- Employs topics such as college algebra, pre-calculus, calculus or elementary functions. Further build upon the foundational mathematical concept and principles.
- Courses approved to fulfill this requirement must focus on quantitative analysis and the ability to use and criticize quantitative arguments. Symbolic Logic, Computer Programming, Mathematics for Teachers and survey courses such as Math in Society, were deemed unacceptable to fulfill the Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning requirement.
Non-CCC courses applied to IGETC should be classified as lower division, similar in content, prerequisites, units and type of textbooks used. However, there are instances when a course that is listed as upper-division may be applied to IGETC. They include the following:

- 6. When a UC or CSU campus has classified a course or series as upper division but has requested to allow lower-division transfer credit because an equivalent course is taught at a community college or because the preparation of the subject is desired prior to transfer from the 2-year institution to the 4-year institution. Current examples may include economics, organic chemistry and abnormal psychology.

- 7. When a non-CCC course is determined comparable to one taught and approved for IGETC at a CCC, it may be applied to IGETC regardless of its upper-division status.
• 10.6 Language Other Than English (LOTE) Exception Only students transferring to the UC are required to meet this Area. Students must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English equal to two years or the second level of high school instruction. Students who satisfied the UC freshman entrance requirement in a language other than English (LOTE) have already fulfilled this requirement. For students who did not meet the LOTE requirement in high school, they may fulfill IGETC Area 6A by completing a college course/courses, or by demonstrating proficiency in one of several other methods. Language courses must provide instruction in the written and oral language as well as history and cultural traditions of the country associated with the language studied. Languages other than English for Native Speakers are also acceptable for meeting this requirement. Courses that are primarily conversational (e.g., content cannot be primarily for business or travel-oriented language instruction) must have as a prerequisite a course equivalent to the third year/third level of high school instruction or one year of college level instruction in the language to be acceptable.

• Be careful not to confuse UC’s limitations of credit with what is allowed for CCC certification of IGETC. Even though UC may not award units for SPAN 4, the CCC can use the course to meet IGETC requirements.

• Need to make sure student is aware of UC limitations so they aren’t deficient units when transferring.

• To certify Area 6/6A, the student must submit high school or international transcript/academic record to CCC for verification.

• Unofficial transcripts are acceptable only for LOTE certification
Partial IGETC/full IGETC
Full IGETC certification

• Student has met all areas of IGETC in full
• Last CCC of attendance is responsible for certifying
• Certification must indicate whether it is for UC or CSU
• Certification can be a separate form or simply a notation on the official transcript

• Students without full or partial IGETC (including IGETC for STEM) will be required to complete the campus GE requirements
  • IGETC courses do not necessarily correspond to GE courses on any particular campus
  • Student may have more courses to complete than anticipated

_Students must meet the requirements for IGETC or partial IGETC certification PRIOR TO enrolling at the UC. If they were missing more than 2 IGETC courses when they entered UC, they are required to fulfill that campus’s G.E. requirements._
12.4 Partial IGETC Certification

Partial certification is defined as completing all but two (2) courses on the IGETC pattern. The student petitions for certification and indicates either “full” or “partial” certification sent by the CCC to the UC or CSU.

- Partial IGETC does not have limitations on which courses can be missing, but it’s not recommended that a student be missing English or Math (typically, they would not meet UC eligibility).
- All students must meet minimum UC admission requirements, including the 7-course pattern.
- Example of when it might be appropriate to issue partial IGETC missing Area 1B:
  - Student completed two English composition courses at non-CCC U.S. college, which are appropriate for UC-E
  - One course can be used for Area 1A but the other cannot be used for Area 1B
  - Partial IGETC Certification would be appropriate
- Note that admission is based on the student’s self-reported application; campuses do not ask that IGETC certification be submitted during the application review process.
- Students missing more than 2 IGETC courses cannot receive partial certification.
- Not every program/department accepts Partial IGETC; refer to Transfer Matrix in Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions
IGETC for STEM

- Students preparing for a major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics should complete IGETC for STEM
- For IGETC for STEM certification, complete the following courses before transfer:
  - All courses in Area 1 (except 1C for UC-bound students), Area 2, and Area 5 of the traditional IGETC; and
  - One course in Area 3A; one course in Area 3B; and two courses in Area 4 from two different disciplines.

11.0 IGETC for STEM

11.1 Students who are eligible to use the IGETC for STEM Majors  Students preparing for a major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics are eligible. IGETC for STEM allows students to concentrate on the lower division math and science courses required for a STEM major; and If it is impossible for students to complete major preparation coursework and IGETC or CSU GE Breadth without going over 60 units prior to transfer. IGETC for STEM Majors is applicable only to majors in which the TMC explicitly indicates the availability of the option. As of May 2020, only Chemistry, Biology and Environmental Science allow for IGETC for STEM. A current list of associate degrees for transfer (ADTs) that allow for use of IGETC for STEM can be found at www.c-id.net.

11.2 For IGETC for STEM certification Complete the following courses before transfer:

  - All courses in Areas 1 (except 1C for UC-bound students), Area 2, and Area 5 of the traditional IGETC; and
  - One course in Area 3A; one course in Area 3B; and two courses in Area 4 from two different disciplines.

  Complete the following courses after transfer:
  - One remaining lower-division general education course in Area 3;
  - One remaining lower-division general education course in Area 4; and
  - One course in Area 6 for UC-bound students who have not satisfied it through proficiency.

  Note: These deferred lower division courses must be replaced with calculus and/or science courses required by the major before transfer.
IGETC for STEM

The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) is a series of courses that California community college students may complete to satisfy the lower-division breadth/general education requirements before transferring to either the California State University or most colleges and majors at UC campuses.

IGETC for STEM is a separate IGETC track available for students planning to major in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. UC will accept IGETC for STEM only if:

- you’re earning an associate degree for transfer (ADT) at a California community college that offers IGETC for STEM as an option for those degrees AND
- the UC major program or college you’re applying to accepts partial IGETC certification.

Although IGETC for STEM is an option, you should prioritize completing major-preparation courses for the specific campuses and programs you’re considering.

Consult ASSIST to determine whether IGETC is a good option for you and what courses at your community college fulfill IGETC requirements.
Myths about IGETC for UC
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**MYTH #1: IGETC is *required* for admission to UC.**
REALITY: IGETC is NOT required for admission, but completion of IGETC may be a selection criteria for some campuses and majors.

**MYTH #2: IGETC guarantees admission to UC.**
REALITY: The only guarantee is through TAG (or a TAG-based program) to six of our campuses.

- Remember: eligibility (meeting minimum requirements) is not the same as selection.
- TAG-based programs (TAG, Pathways+, UCTP degree Chem/Physics) offer the only guarantee to UC. Additionally, students who only complete IGETC will not have 60 semester/90 quarter units, and they may not have the requisite 2.4 GPA – they may not even meet minimum eligibility with just IGETC
- Our campuses, with very few exceptions, do not review for IGETC completion during the admission process. Instead, they review for minimum eligibility (7-course pattern, 60 units, minimum GPA) and then apply their selection criteria (such as major preparation, major prep GPA, etc.)
Preparation for major prep is typically more important, as most campuses have required major prep for most majors, please see www.assist.org.

● 2.3 Students who are not eligible to use the IGETC Students who initially enroll at a UC campus, then leave and attend a community college, and subsequently return to the same campus are considered “readmits” by the UC. Such students are considered “readmits” by the UC. CSU does not have a system-wide policy that addresses these students and situation. Questions regarding the appropriate use of IGETC for a student who was initially enrolled at a CSU should be directed to the specific CSU campus to which the student wishes to transfer.
Myths continued...

MYTH #5: IGETC is for everybody.

REALITY: Not every program or major recommends or accepts IGETC.

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IGETC

- Students just starting out at CCC, who don’t know if they even want to transfer: IGETC is good starting point
- Students who know they want to transfer and know which major they want but not which campus: Transfer Pathways
- Students who know which campuses and majors they want: ASSIST articulation agreements
- IGETC is also good for students whose majors require very little major preparation; remember that major prerequisites might also be IGETC courses and they can count for both IGETC and major prep.
- IGETC is valid for both UC and CSU, with only slight differences: UC requires LOTE, CSU requires Speech Communication.
- IGETC is NOT a UC transfer admission requirement. However, UC Berkeley’s College of Letters & Science requires completion of IGETC for selection purposes (i.e., students who don’t complete IGETC will not be selected). And UC Riverside’s School of Business Administration highly recommends completion of IGETC.

NO IGETC

- Some majors – often STEM majors – require lots of major preparation (high number of units) for admission. If a campus selects based on major preparation, it’s always better to focus on that.
- Some colleges/schools (like Engineering) do not want students to follow IGETC. The preference is on concentrating on major pre-requisites and leaving GE courses to enroll in at UC instead of overloading each term with heavy major courses.
- Some UC campus college/school GE patterns are shorter than IGETC.
- Refer to Quick Reference Guide to UC Admission to see for each UC campus in which college/school IGETC is acceptable or not recommended.
- Because international coursework cannot be used on IGETC, for students who have completed the majority of their units and major preparation outside of the U.S., it may be better for them to follow the campus’s GE pattern.
- Only former UC students who intend to transfer to a different UC campus can utilize IGETC. Students returning to their original UC campus are required to complete the GE pattern at that UC – even if they have changed majors (they would follow the campus GE pattern for their new major).
IGETC reminders and resources
IGETC reminders

- IGETC certificate or transcript notation must indicate UC IGETC whether it is full or partial
- Partial IGETC must indicate which areas are missing
- Accepting non-CCC coursework for IGETC does not necessarily mean the course will transfer to UC
- The CCC – not UC – decides when or if to certify IGETC
- Refer to IGETC Standards frequently
- Always check accreditation of a non-CCC before using coursework to meet IGETC
- Refer questions about UC IGETC to UCOP (askUC@ucop.edu) rather than individual campuses
- IGETC Standards 2.3 version outlines changes to IGETC Areas of Distribution including Area 7 competencies (Starting Fall 2023) (pg. 32 to 35)

Best practices for transcript submission: Electronic transcripts with IGETC/GE notation must come from accepted electronic transcript vendors only. Hard copy transcripts or IGETC/GE certificates may be sent directly to the admitting campus through a mail delivery service.

Transcript and IGETC certification deadlines for newly admitted fall 2023 transfer students:
- UC transcript deadline: July 1
- UC IGETC certification deadline: July 15
Resources

IGETC Standards, Policies and Procedures Manual 2.3 (June 2022)
https://icas-ca.org/igetc/standards-policies-and-procedures-manual/

Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions

UC Counselors website
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/preparing-transfer-students/

Counselors and Advisers Bulletin
https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/connect-to-resources/counselors-and-advisers-bulletin.html

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