

CALIFORNIA GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM (CAL-GETC) 2026-2027

The requirements listed below are for the 2026-2027 academic year and are based upon information available at the time of catalog publication.

Completion of the Cal-GETC will permit a student to transfer from Mt. SAC to a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campus generally without the need, after transfer, to complete additional lower-division general education (GE) courses requirements. However, some individual colleges and majors within UC campuses do not accept or recommend Cal-GETC to fulfill all GE requirements. Students pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division preparation may not find the Cal-GETC option to be advantageous (i.e. Engineering, Sciences). Consult a counselor and ASSIST for details. Completion of the Cal-GETC is not an admission requirement for transfer to UC or CSU, nor is it the only way to fulfill UC and CSU lower-division GE requirements prior to transfer. The requirements listed below must be completed in their entirety for full certification to the UC and CSU. For students who have completed coursework at multiple campuses, the campus of last attendance prior to transfer to UC or CSU will certify the coursework. Mt. SAC will certify coursework from other campuses according to the Cal-GETC list of the originating campus. A minimum grade of "C" is required in each course. (A grade of "C-" is not acceptable.)

Students beginning Fall 2026 must follow 2026-2027 Cal-GETC requirements. Courses are approved for the academic year in which they were completed.

Area 1: English Communication

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Choose one course from each group:		9
Group A: English Composition		
AMLA 1A	College Composition for Non-Native English Speakers	
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	
ENGL C1000H	Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	
Group B: Critical Thinking and Composition		
ENGL C1001	Critical Thinking and Writing	
ENGL C1001H	Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	
ENGR 1C	Engineering Critical Thinking	
PHIL 9	Critical Thinking and Writing	
PHIL 9H	Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	
Group C: Oral Communication		
COMM C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking	
COMM C1000H	Introduction to Public Speaking - Honors	

Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Choose one course from the following:		3
ECON 17	Applied Business Statistics	
ENGR 285	Differential Equations and Linear Algebra for Engineers	

MATH 100	Survey of College Mathematics
MATH 120	Finite Mathematics
MATH 130	College Algebra
MATH 140	Calculus for Business
MATH 160	Precalculus Mathematics
MATH 180	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I
MATH 181	Calculus and Analytic Geometry II
MATH 260	Linear Algebra
MATH 280	Calculus and Analytic Geometry III
MATH 285	Linear Algebra and Differential Equations
MATH 290	Differential Equations
PSYC 10	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
SOC 23	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology and Social Sciences
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics
STAT C1000H	Introduction to Statistics - Honors

Area 3: Arts and Humanities

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Choose two courses minimum, at least one course from the Arts group and one course from the Humanities group:		6
Arts Courses		
ARCH 250	World Architecture: Prehistory to the Middle Ages	
ARCH 251	World Architecture: Renaissance Through the Contemporary Era	
ARTB 1 or ARTH 1	Introduction to the Visual Arts and Art History	
ARTH C1100	Survey of Art from Prehistory to the Medieval Era	
ARTH C1100H	Survey of Art from Prehistory to the Medieval Era - Honors	
ARTH C1200	Survey of Art from the Renaissance to Contemporary	
ARTH C1200H	Survey of Art from the Renaissance to Contemporary - Honors	
ARTH 3	History of Women and Gender in Art ¹	
ARTH 3H	History of Women and Gender in Art - Honors ¹	
ARTH 6	History of Modern Art	
ARTH 6H	History of Modern Art - Honors	
ARTH 7	Global Contemporary Visual Culture	
ARTH 8	History of Medieval Art and Architecture	
ARTH 9	History of Asian Art and Architecture ¹	
ARTH 10	A History of Greek and Roman Art and Architecture	
ARTH 11	History of African, Oceanic, and Native American Art ¹	
ARTH 11H	History of African, Oceanic, and Native American Art - Honors ¹	
ARTH 12	History of Precolumbian Art and Architecture ¹	
ARTH 12H	History of Precolumbian Art and Architecture - Honors ¹	
ARTH 13	World Art and Visual Culture ¹	
ARTH 14	Rome: The Ancient City ¹	
ARTH 15	Culture and Art of Pompeii ¹	
ARTH 16	History of Latin American Art and Visual Culture	
ARTH 16H	History of Latin American Art and Visual Culture - Honors	
DN-T 20	History and Appreciation of Dance	
MUS 12	History of Jazz	

MUS 14A	World Music
MUS 14B	American Folk Music
MUS 14BH	American Folk Music - Honors
MUS 15	Rock Music History and Appreciation
MUS 15H	Rock Music History and Appreciation - Honors
MUS 100	Introduction to Western Classical Music
MUS 100H	Introduction to Western Classical Music - Honors
MUS 101	Women in Music
MUS 102	Film Music Appreciation
MUS 103	Music and Culture of Hip Hop
MUS 103H	Music and Culture of Hip-Hop - Honors
MUS 105	Western Music History I: Antiquity to 1750
MUS 106	Western Music History II: 1750 to Present
THTR 10	History of Theater Arts

Humanities Courses

CHIN 3	Intermediate Chinese
CHIN 4	Continuing Intermediate Chinese
ENGL C1002	Introduction to Literature
ENGL C1002H	Introduction to Literature - Honors
FASH 9	History of Western World Fashion
FRCH 3	Intermediate French
FRCH 4	Continuing Intermediate French
FRCH 60	French Culture Through Cinema
GERM 3	Intermediate German
GERM 60	German Culture Through Cinema
HIST C1001	United States History to 1877 ¹
HIST C1001H	United States History to 1877 - Honors ¹
HIST C1002	United States History since 1865 ¹
HIST C1002H	United States History since 1865 - Honors ¹
HIST 1	History of the United States ¹
HIST 3	World History: Prehistoric to Early Modern ¹
HIST 3H	World History: Prehistoric to Early Modern - Honors ¹
HIST 4	World History: Early Modern to the Present ¹
HIST 4H	World History: Early Modern to the Present - Honors ¹
HIST 9	History of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders ¹
HIST 10	History of Asia from Pre-History to Early Modern ¹
HIST 10H	History of Asia from Pre-History to Early Modern - Honors ¹
HIST 11	History of Early Modern to Modern Asia ¹
HIST 11H	History of Early Modern to Modern Asia - Honors ¹
HIST 16	The Wild West - A History, 1800-1890 ¹
HIST 18	History of Latin America ¹
HIST 19	History of Mexico ¹
HIST 30	History of African Americans, 1619-1877 ¹
HIST 31	History of African Americans, 1877- Present ¹
HIST 35	History of Africa ¹
HIST 36	Women in American History ¹
HIST 39	California History ¹
HIST 40	History of Mexican Americans ¹
HIST 44	History of Native Americans ¹
HUMA 1	Humanities and the Human Experience
HUMA 1H	Humanities and the Human Experience - Honors
ITAL 3	Intermediate Italian
ITAL 4	Continuing Intermediate Italian
ITAL 60	Italian Culture Through Cinema

ITAL 61	Italian Culture Through Food
JAPN 3	Intermediate Japanese
JAPN 4	Continuing Intermediate Japanese
JAPN 5	Advanced Japanese
JAPN 62	Japanese Culture Through Anime and Manga
KORE 60	Korean Culture Through Cinema
LING 2	Languages, Gender, and Power
LING 3	Languages, Cultures, and Writing in East Asia
LING 4	Introduction to World Languages
LIT 1	Early American Literature
LIT 2	Modern American Literature
LIT 3	Multicultural American Literature
LIT 6A	Survey of English Literature up to 1800
LIT 6B	Survey of English Literature Since 1800
LIT 10	Survey of Shakespeare
LIT 11A	World Literature to 1650
LIT 11B	World Literature from 1650
LIT 14	Introduction to Modern Poetry
LIT 15	Introduction to Cinema
LIT 20	African American Literature
LIT 25	Contemporary Mexican American Literature
LIT 36	Introduction to Mythology
LIT 46	The Bible As Literature: Old Testament
LIT 47	The Bible As Literature: New Testament
PHIL 5	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 5H	Introduction to Philosophy - Honors
PHIL 12	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 12H	Introduction to Ethics - Honors
PHIL 15	Major World Religions
PHIL 15H	Major World Religions - Honors
PHIL 16	Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 16H	Introduction to Philosophy of Religion - Honors
PHIL 20A	Introduction to Ancient Philosophy
PHIL 20AH	Introduction to Ancient Philosophy - Honors
PHIL 20B	Introduction to Modern Philosophy
PHIL 20BH	Introduction to Modern Philosophy - Honors
POLS 5	Political Theory I - Ancient to Contemporary ¹
POLS 7	Political Theory II - Early Modern to Contemporary ¹
PUBH 20	History of Western Medicine
SIGN 104	American Sign Language 4
SIGN 202	Cultures in the Deaf Community
SPAN 3	Intermediate Spanish
SPAN 4	Continuing Intermediate Spanish
SPAN 60	Latin American Culture Through Cinema

Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Choose two courses from a minimum of two different subject areas:		6
ANTH 4	Archaeology	
ANTH 5	Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 5H	Cultural Anthropology - Honors	
ANTH 6	Language and Culture: An Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	
ANTH 15	Peoples and Cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean	
ANTH 16	Peoples and Cultures of South Asia	

ANTH 17	Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East
ANTH 30	The Native American
ANTH 50	Introduction to Science, Technology, and Society
ARTH 3	History of Women and Gender in Art ¹
ARTH 3H	History of Women and Gender in Art - Honors ¹
ARTH 9	History of Asian Art and Architecture ¹
ARTH 11	History of African, Oceanic, and Native American Art ¹
ARTH 11H	History of African, Oceanic, and Native American Art - Honors ¹
ARTH 12	History of Precolumbian Art and Architecture ¹
ARTH 12H	History of Precolumbian Art and Architecture - Honors ¹
ARTH 13	World Art and Visual Culture ¹
ARTH 14	Rome: The Ancient City ¹
ARTH 15	Culture and Art of Pompeii
BUSL 100	American Law and Democracy
COMM 7	Intercultural Communication
COMM 7H	Intercultural Communication - Honors
COMM 26	Interpersonal Communication
COMM 26H	Interpersonal Communication - Honors
COMM 30	Introduction to Communication Theory
COMM 30H	Introduction to Communication Theory - Honors
ECON C2001	Principles of Microeconomics
ECON C2001H	Principles of Microeconomics - Honors
ECON C2002	Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON C2002H	Principles of Macroeconomics - Honors
GEOG 2	Human Geography
GEOG 2H	Human Geography - Honors
GEOG 5	World Geography: Introduction to Global Studies
GEOG 8	Urban Geography
GEOG 30	California Geography
HIST C1001	United States History to 1877 ¹
HIST C1001H	United States History to 1877 - Honors ¹
HIST C1002	United States History since 1865 ¹
HIST C1002H	United States History since 1865 - Honors ¹
HIST 1	History of the United States ¹
HIST 3	World History: Prehistoric to Early Modern ¹
HIST 3H	World History: Prehistoric to Early Modern - Honors ¹
HIST 4	World History: Early Modern to the Present ¹
HIST 4H	World History: Early Modern to the Present - Honors ¹
HIST 9	History of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders ¹
HIST 10	History of Asia from Pre-History to Early Modern ¹
HIST 10H	History of Asia from Pre-History to Early Modern - Honors ¹
HIST 11	History of Early Modern to Modern Asia ¹
HIST 11H	History of Early Modern to Modern Asia - Honors ¹
HIST 16	The Wild West - A History, 1800-1890 ¹
HIST 18	History of Latin America ¹
HIST 19	History of Mexico ¹
HIST 30	History of African Americans, 1619-1877 ¹
HIST 31	History of African Americans, 1877- Present ¹
HIST 35	History of Africa ¹
HIST 36	Women in American History ¹
HIST 39	California History ¹
HIST 40	History of Mexican Americans ¹

HIST 44	History of Native Americans ¹
NF 28	Cultural and Ethnic Foods
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics
POLS C1000H	American Government and Politics - Honors
POLS 2	Comparative Politics
POLS 5	Political Theory I - Ancient to Contemporary ¹
POLS 7	Political Theory II - Early Modern to Contemporary ¹
POLS 9	International Relations
POLS 10	Environmental Politics
POLS 25	Latino Politics in the United States
POLS 35	African American/Black Politics
PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology
PSYC C1000H	Introduction to Psychology - Honors
PSYC 14	Developmental Psychology
PSYC 14H	Developmental Psychology - Honors
PSYC 15	Introduction to Child Psychology
PSYC 19	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 20	Introduction to Social Psychology
PSYC 25	The Psychology of Women
PUBH 25	Public Health and Social Justice
or SOC 160	Public Health and Social Justice
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology
SOC 1H	Introduction to Sociology - Honors
SOC 2	Contemporary Social Problems
SOC 2H	Contemporary Social Problems - Honors
SOC 5	Introduction to Criminology
SOC 5H	Introduction to Criminology - Honors
SOC 12	Introduction to Research Methods in the Social Sciences
SOC 20	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity
SOC 20H	Introduction to Race and Ethnicity - Honors
SOC 40	Introduction to Sex and Gender Roles
SOC 110	Introduction to Social Justice
SOC 130	Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

1-Courses may not be double counted to satisfy more than one area, even if a course is listed in more than one area.

Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
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Choose two courses, one physical and one biological science; at least one must include a laboratory. Laboratory must be a corresponding section to the lecture course taken. ²

Physical Science		
ASTR 5	Introduction to Astronomy	
ASTR 5H	Introduction to Astronomy - Honors	
ASTR 5L	Astronomical Observing Laboratory ²	
ASTR 7	Geology of the Solar System	
ASTR 8	Introduction to Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe	
CHEM 9	Chemistry of Everyday Life	
CHEM 10	Chemistry for Allied Health Majors ²	
CHEM 20	Introductory Organic and Biochemistry ²	
CHEM 40	Introduction to General Chemistry ²	
CHEM 50	General Chemistry I ²	
CHEM 50H	General Chemistry I - Honors ²	
CHEM 51	General Chemistry II ²	
CHEM 51H	General Chemistry II - Honors ²	

CHEM 55	Chemistry for Engineers ²
GEOG 1	Physical Geography
GEOG 1H	Physical Geography - Honors
GEOG 1L	Physical Geography Laboratory ²
GEOG 1LH	Physical Geography Laboratory - Honors ²
GEOL 1	Physical Geology ²
GEOL 2	Historical Geology ²
GEOL 7	Geology of California
GEOL 8	Earth Science
GEOL 8H	Earth Science - Honors
GEOL 8L	Earth Science Laboratory ²
GEOL 9	Environmental Geology
GEOL 9L	Environmental Geology Laboratory ²
GEOL 10	Natural Disasters
GEOL 30	Global Climate Change
METO 3	Weather and the Atmospheric Environment
METO 3L	Weather and Atmospheric Environment Laboratory ²
OCEA 10	Introduction to Oceanography
OCEA 10H	Introduction to Oceanography - Honors
OCEA 10L	Introduction to Oceanography Laboratory ²
PHSC 3	Energy Science ²
PHYS 1	Physics ²
PHYS 2AG	General Physics ²
PHYS 2BG	General Physics ²
PHYS 4A	Engineering Physics ²
PHYS 4B	Engineering Physics ²
PHYS 4C	Engineering Physics ²
Biological Science	
ANAT 10A	Introductory Human Anatomy ²
ANAT 10B	Introductory Human Physiology ²
ANAT 35	Human Anatomy ²
ANAT 36	Human Physiology ²
ANTH 1	Biological Anthropology
ANTH 1H	Biological Anthropology - Honors
ANTH 1L	Biological Anthropology Laboratory ²
BIOL 1	General Biology ²
BIOL 2	Plant and Animal Biology ²
BIOL 3	Ecology and Field Biology ²
BIOL 4	Biology for Majors ²
BIOL 4H	Biology for Majors - Honors ²
BIOL 6	Humans and the Environment
BIOL 6L	Humans and the Environment Laboratory ²
BIOL 8	Cell and Molecular Biology ²
BIOL 20	Marine Biology
BIOL 21	Marine Biology Laboratory ²
BIOL 25	Conservation Biology
BIOL 34	Fundamentals of Genetics
BIOL 34L	Fundamentals of Genetics Laboratory ²
MICR 1	Medical Microbiology ²
MICR 22	Microbiology ²
NF 25	Introduction to Nutrition Science
NF 25H	Introduction to Nutrition Science - Honors
PSYC 1B	Biological Psychology
PSYC 1BH	Biological Psychology - Honors
ZOOL 3	Fundamentals of Zoology ²

Area 6: Ethnic Studies

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Choose one course		3
AABS 1	Introduction to Black Studies	
APIS 1	Introduction to Asian American Studies	
ETHS 1	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	
ETHS 2	Race and Racism in Education	
LCAS 1	Introduction to Chicanx Studies	
NAIS 1	Introduction to Native American Studies	

Notes

UC limits transfer credit for some courses. Students may review the UC Transfer Course Agreement (TCA) with an educational advisor or counselor in the Student Services Center. For Cal-GETC certification, the course must be on the list during the year taken. Students who began at a community college prior to Fall 2026 are recommended to meet with a counselor to discuss applicability of course taken prior to Fall 2026.

CSU Requirements Only CSU Graduation Requirement in U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals

Note: UCSB requires a college-level U.S. history or government course. It is recommended that you use one of the options below as part of required courses in Cal-GETC Area 3 or 4.

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Option 1		
HIST C1001	United States History to 1877	
	or HIST C1001 United States History to 1877 - Honors	
HIST C1002	United States History since 1865	
	or HIST C1002 United States History since 1865 - Honors	
If Option 1 is selected, DO NOT select another History course as your third IGETC Area 3 course.		
Option 2		
Choose one course from U.S. History plus one course from American Institutions:		
United States History		
HIST C1001	United States History to 1877	
HIST C1001H	United States History to 1877 - Honors	
HIST C1002	United States History since 1865	
HIST C1002H	United States History since 1865 - Honors	
HIST 1	History of the United States	
HIST 9	History of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders	
HIST 30	History of African Americans, 1619-1877	
HIST 31	History of African Americans, 1877- Present	
HIST 36	Women in American History	
HIST 40	History of Mexican Americans	
HIST 44	History of Native Americans	
American Institutions		
POLS C1000	American Government and Politics	
POLS C1000H	American Government and Politics - Honors	
POLS 25	Latino Politics in the United States	
POLS 35	African American/Black Politics	

UC transfer – Language Other Than English (LOTE)

For UC transfer – Language Other Than English (LOTE) can be certified on Cal-GETC in one of the following ways but is not required:

- Completion of a level one or higher Mt. SAC course in ARAB, CHIN, FRCH, GERM, ITAL, JAPN, KORE, LATN, SIGN, or SPAN or an applicable course from another college with a "C" or better grade.
- Completion of a year two (fourth semester) or higher language other than English course in high school with a "C-" or better grade at an English-language institution.
- A passing score on an applicable Advanced Placement (AP) exam, International Baccalaureate (IB) exam, SAT Subject Test, or General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCE) Examinations.
- Formal schooling through the sixth-grade or higher at a non-English language institution.
- Proficiency in a language other than English (discuss details with a counselor).

Cal-GETC certification may not be accepted to satisfy LOTE graduation requirements that vary by UC college and major. View UC graduation requirements.