





Completion of the IGETC is not a requirement for admission to a CSU or UC campus, nor is it the only way to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements of the CSU or UC prior to transfer. Students may complete the appropriate IGETC, or complete the lower-division general education requirements for the campus to which they plan to transfer. **Students wishing to use a course to meet an IGETC requirement **MUST** be sure that the course is on the list during the academic year when it is taken.**

While completion of 60 transferable units including all IGETC certification requirements will satisfy CSU or UC admission requirements, transfer admission is not guaranteed. Competitive campuses or majors for which more applications are received than can be accommodated, may screen for admissions based on meeting application deadlines, courses required in preparation for the major and/or grade point average.

A student may be partially certified if deficient no more than two courses. If partially certified, the student has the option of completing the one or two remaining courses at another community college or at the transfer institution until the beginning of the second year of transfer.

NOTE: Coursework from Irvine Valley College or other community colleges with the same course number and/or title may NOT always be certified in the same category at Saddleback College for IGETC. Also, similar coursework from accredited independent or private colleges or out-of-state institutions will NOT always be certified unless the course content is deemed comparable to community college courses approved for IGETC.

**QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED ABOUT IGETC:**

*Is it advisable for all transfer students to follow the IGETC?*

**NO.** For some students, it may be advantageous to take courses which fulfill the CSU general education certification requirements or to complete the lower-division requirements of their campus of choice. Students pursuing high-unit majors should not necessarily use IGETC. For example, Engineering, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, and Computer Science majors should not follow IGETC unless otherwise specified by the transfer campus. Also, UC Berkeley’s Haas School of Business will **not** accept IGETC, nor will Revelle or Eleanor Roosevelt colleges at UC San Diego. Students who first enrolled at a UC or CSU campus may not be eligible to use the IGETC option. Students are advised to consult with a counselor at Saddleback College for further information.

*If I complete IGETC certification, will I have to take additional general education courses after transfer?*

The CSU system requires a minimum of 48 units of general education coursework, nine of which must be upper division courses completed at the campus awarding the degree. Some campuses may require competencies outside of, or in addition to general education courses. Both CSU and UC campuses may require specific general education courses designated as preparation for a given major. Refer to the catalog of the campus of intended transfer for further information.

*Are CSU’s certification requirements the same as UC’s?*

**NO.** Full certification for CSU **must** include Area 1 Oral Communication. The UC has no oral communication requirement. CSU also allows transferring students to complete its U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals graduation requirement at the community college; this requirement is not part of IGETC. Full certification for UC **must** include satisfaction of the foreign language proficiency requirement as follows:

**LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (UC COURSE REQUIREMENT ONLY):**

**Students can fulfill the IGETC Language Other Than English (LOTE) proficiency requirement in one of the following ways:**

1. Official high school transcripts showing 2 years of high school coursework in one language other than English with a grade of “C-” or better in the fourth or later semester (“C-” for high school coursework is calculated as a “C” grade by the UC).
2. Complete, with at least a grade of “C” or better, one semester of any IGETC approved language other than English course at Saddleback College, or completion of any college-level foreign language course (excluding conversation courses) considered by the college to be equivalent to 2 years of high school foreign language. IGETC approved coursework above the proficiency level (e.g., above Foreign Language Level 1 at Saddleback College) can be used to satisfy LOTE requirements and may also be used to satisfy IGETC requirements in Area 3 (Humanities) if on the college’s approved IGETC certification list.
3. Achieve a satisfactory score on the SAT Subject Test in languages other than English (see a counselor for required test scores).
4. Achieve a score of 3 or higher on the 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. Satisfactorily complete a proficiency test administered by a community college, university or other college in a language other than English. The test must assess student proficiency at a level equivalent to at least two years of high school foreign language.
7. (a) Official records which verify completion, with “C” grades 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; or  
 (b) if secondary school was completed in a non-English-speaking country and the language of instruction at the secondary school was not English, LOTE can be certified for IGETC. The student must present official documentation of attendance at the secondary school.

*Can students complete their IGETC coursework at more than one college?*

**YES, WITH STIPULATIONS.** Saddleback College will certify courses taken at other regionally accredited colleges and universities. Saddleback College will place courses taken at other California community colleges in the IGETC categories identified by the offering college. Courses taken at other regionally accredited colleges/universities may be used on IGETC only if they are deemed comparable to courses on an approved California community college course list. The last community college attended has the responsibility for IGETC certification.

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

**NO.** A single course may be used only once for the IGETC. A course may be listed in more than one area, but it may be used to satisfy only one subject requirement.

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

**YES AND NO.** UC will allow courses to count toward both the IGETC and the major. However, many CSU campuses have limitations on the “double-counting” of general education courses toward the major.

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The Articulation Office  
 IGETC

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	UC	CSU	
Total transferable units completed (60 units needed):	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>
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Grade Point Average:	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/>