General Education-Breadth (CSU GEB) Pattern

California State University

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Area A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking: Complete one course from each group (A1, A2, and A3). A total of 9 semester units (12 qtr. units) are required. All courses in Area A must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

Note: While a “C-“ can be used for CSU GE-Breadth Certification (Title 5 sections 40803, 40804, 40804.1), students earning an Associate degree cannot use this grade to meet written competency (ENGL V01A).


A2: Written Communication: ENGL V01A.

A3: Critical Thinking: COMM V10; ENGL V01B, V01C; PHIL V04, V05.

Area B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning: Complete a minimum of 9 semester units (12 qtr. units) with at least one course from each group (B1, B2, B3, and B4) to include one laboratory activity course corresponding to selected lecture course. Math requires a grade of “C” or better.

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B1: Physical Science: AST V01; CHEM V01A, V01B, V12A, V12B, V20, V21, V30; ESRM V02, V11; GEOG V01, V05; GEOL V02, V03, V07, V09, V11, V21; PHSC V01; PHYS V01, V02A, V02B, V03A, V03B, V04, V05, V06.

B2: Life Science: AG V06, V42; ANAT V01; ANPH V01; ANTH V01; BIOL V01, V03, V04, V10, V12, V14, V18, V23, V29, V32; BIOT V18, V32; ESRM V01, V10, V11, V14, V15, V16, V22, MICR V01; NS V10; PHSO V01; PSY V03.

B3: Laboratory Activity: AG V06; ANAT V01; ANPH V01; ANTH V01L; AST V01L; BIOL V01L, V03, V04, V14, V23, V29L; CHEM V01AL, V01BL, V12AL, V12BL, V20L, V21L, V30L; ESRM V11; GEOG V01L; GEOL V02L, V03L, V09; MICR V01; PHSC V01; PHYS V01, V02AL, V02BL, V03AL, V03BL, V04L, V05L, V06L.


Area C: Arts and Humanities: Choose 9 units (12 qtr. units) with at least one course from area C1, one course from area C2, and the third course from either area C1 or C2.


Area D: Social and Behavioral Sciences: Choose 9 semester units (12 qtr. units) courses in at least 2 disciplines.


Area E: Life-Long Learning & Self-Development: choose 3 semester units (4 qtr. units) course with no more than 1 unit of physical activity.


U.S. History, Constitution, and American Ideals: ONE course from Group A courses and ONE course from Group B courses.

* Courses may be double counted in Area D - Social and Behavioral Sciences.


Group B: U.S. Government: POLS V01 or V03.

NOTE: Certification is not automatic. Students must request certification after completion of the CSU GE-Breadth pattern. Students completing CSU GE-Breadth Certification may also apply for a Certificate of Achievement in CSU GE-Breadth. See your counselor or the Transfer Center for details.

Courses on the CSU GE-Breadth are subject to change. Always check assist.gov to verify the latest CSU GE approvals before taking a course to meet CSU GE-Breadth requirements.