

## THREE CERTIFICATION PROCESSES

### **The California Community College Certification Plan for Transfer to the CSU**

The CSU recognizes the General Education courses taught in the California Community College (CCC) and a few other institutions as meeting CSULB particular GE objectives in a process called “certification” of courses. The GE courses taught in the CCC may not have any equivalencies to CSULB courses. However, if they appear on the approved GE lists of California Community Colleges, we accept them. “GE certified” transfer students have completed all of the 39-unit GE package for transfer to the CSU. Certification means that all lower division GE is complete. Transfer CCC students who have been GE certified have that information indicated on their transcripts.

**Subject area certification** (also known as **partial certification**) can be met by completing the minimum unit and subject requirements within one or more GE categories.

It is always to the transfer student’s benefit to be certified if possible. However, certified or not, all students must complete the U.S. History and the U.S. Constitution, California State, and Local Government requirements.

Certification IS NOT ALWAYS AUTOMATIC. Transfer students may have completed 39 GE units at CCC for transfer to the CSU but may not have indicated to their community college that they are requesting certification status. In that case, students should request GE certification from their community college and have a new transcript, indicating certification, sent to CSULB.

Because CSULB accepts certified GE as a total package, transfer students who are certified for General Education may have taken some lower division major department courses in their certified package. If that is the case, we accept these courses for GE. If students are not GE certified, we will not accept their transferred major department courses in transferred GE patterns.

**Another certification process applies to students transferring from one CSU campus to another.** Students who have completed all or partial lower division GE requirements at another CSU will be recognized as certified for lower division requirements at CSULB. If CSU transfers have completed their upper division GE requirements at their respective CSU campus, they may petition to have that course work meet the CSULB upper division GE requirement.

### **Intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)**

The IGETC plan is a GE program community college transfer students can use to fulfill lower-division GE requirements in either the CSU or UC system. However, after transfer to CSULB, students will be required to take U.S. History and U.S. Constitution in addition to California State and Local Government classes if these courses have not been completed before transfer. Unlike the CCC GE Certification Plan for transfer to the CSU, the IGETC plan offers a choice between transferring to the CSU or UC systems. Students who choose the IGETC plan must complete it in its entirety prior to transfer. All CSU and UC campuses accept IGETC.

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