



The Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates - University of California - The California State University - California Community Colleges

Cal-GETC Standards, Policies, and Procedures Version 1.3

Summary of Substantial Changes

The updates included in Cal-GETC Standards, Policies, and Procedures 1.3 are....

Table: Clarifying Language and Revisions Added to 1.3 Cal-GETC Standards Document Section(s)

SECTION(S) IN THE V1.2 DOCUMENT	CHANGES/ADDITIONS IN RED
Various	Formatting, punctuation, dates, table of contents, weblink updates
	Cal-GETC Standards 1.3
3	Note added: <u>Note: The CSU will honor completion of lower-division general education coursework at a CCC provided the course was on the approved GE certification list in assist.org at the time the course was completed.</u> Students transferring to a CSU who have <u>are</u> Cal-GETC certified as complete will still need to complete 9 semester units of upper-division general education (GE) after transfer and may also be held to other campus specific graduation requirements outside of general education and major coursework.
3.1	Link added: Although CLEP cannot be used for Cal-GETC (Section 6.3), the CSU has a system-wide policy for CLEP exams and awarding transfer credit for admission or towards the completion of CSU GE based on these exams. <u>The CSU policy for CLEP.</u>
3.4	Removed: 3.4 Intersegmental General Education Transfer Pattern- Transitional Certification Eligibility Cal-GETC courses taken Fall 2025 or later may be applied towards IGETC certification if the courses are approved for the corresponding Cal-GETC Area. IGETC courses taken prior to Fall 2025 may be included in Cal-GETC certification if the courses are also approved for the corresponding Cal-GETC Area.
4	Edited Title and clarified word choice: 4 Cal-GETC Course Database <u>and Certification</u> After a course has been certified <u>approved</u> for Cal-GETC, it will be available on the Cal-GETC course list on ASSIST (assist.org). Development and maintenance of the Cal-GETC database allows counselors and students seamless electronic access to all California Community College articulated courses and helps ensure accurate information when certifying coursework completed at other California Community Colleges.

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5	<p>Edited the title:</p> <p>5 Courses that can be used for Cal-GETC (Basic Eligibility) <u>Cal-GETC Course Eligibility (courses that can be used for Cal-GETC)</u></p>
5.1.1	<p>Removed:</p> <p>5.1.1 Continuing approvals from prior GE patterns</p> <p>If a course is currently approved for an IGETC area (not including Area 1C), and the course has not been substantively modified since its initial approval, the course will be accepted as an approved Cal-GETC course in the corresponding subject area of Cal-GETC. Courses currently approved for IGETC Area 1C or CSU GE Area A1 will need to be submitted for Cal-GETC 1C review and approval.</p> <p>Example 1: Any course approved for CSU GE Area F would be approved for Cal-GETC Area 6 (Ethnic Studies).</p> <p>Example 2: Any course approved for 2023-2024 IGETC Area 7 (Ethnic Studies) would be approved for Cal-GETC Area 6 (Ethnic Studies).</p> <p>Example 3: A course previously approved for CSU GE area A1 (Oral Communication) would NOT receive Cal-GETC approval since the criteria and standards for Cal-GETC Area 1C (Oral Communication) are different than those for CSU GE Area A1 (Oral Communication). Note: the course was never approved for Cal-GETC and does not carry any (even transient) approval status. It will remain listed on the historical IGETC pattern.</p>
5.1.2	<p>Renumbered and example dates updated:</p> <p>5.1.2 5.1.1 Effective Date</p> <p>If a course was active in the college's curriculum at the time of approval (or will be active in the next fall term), the to-be-approved course will start to carry Cal-GETC area certification effective the fall term of the academic year after the course was submitted (presuming the Cal-GETC application was successful).</p> <p>Example: A course submitted in December of 2024⁵, and approved in May 2025⁶, becomes effective on Cal-GETC beginning Fall 2025⁶. If a course is not approved for Cal-GETC inclusion, detailed reasons for denial will be provided to the CCC. The CCC may then modify their outline of record and resubmit in the following submission cycle.</p>
5.1.3	<p>Renumbered:</p> <p>5.1.3 5.1.2 Re-evaluation of existing approvals</p>
5.1.4	<p>Removed:</p> <p>5.1.4 Review of new course submissions</p> <p>Areas in Cal-GETC that do not fully correspond to prior categories of IGETC will require an initial submission and review for each course to be offered.</p> <p>Example: A CCC submits a course for the new Cal-GETC Area 1C (Oral Communication). Any prior approval for any area of IGETC or for CSU GE is irrelevant. The course cannot be automatically approved because there is no equivalent prior category in IGETC for Cal-GETC area 1C. The course is not approved (but may be invited for resubmission).</p>

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5.1.12	<p>Renumbered:</p> <p>5.1.12 5.1.3 Textbooks</p> <p>Identifying the course textbook (or textbooks/textbook-equivalents) is a required element of the submission process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textbooks must be identified in the CCC Course Outline of Record (COR) and published within seven years of the course submission date or clearly identified as a classic in the COR. Open Educational Resources (OER), or online texts, are acceptable if they are constant and publicly available as published textbooks (i.e., not as a list of web links). CORs must include title, author, and publication date. Laboratory science courses must have a clearly identified Laboratory Manual included in the COR. Lab manuals from either a publisher or compiled by CCC faculty (e.g., "CHEM 001 Lab Manual, CCC Chemistry department, 2023") are acceptable.
5.1.12	<p>Renumbered and minor formatting change to restore Cross-Listed Courses as a separate section:</p> <p>5.1.13 5.1.4 Cross-Listed Courses</p> <p>GE review requires CCCs to have curriculum approved (e.g., college curriculum committee or college/district board) for cross-listing before submitting course outlines of record. Course outlines of record for cross-listed courses are identical in title, description, objectives, content, methods of instruction, methods of evaluation, textbooks/readings, and assignments but may have a different prefix. All approved cross-listed courses must appear together or with an annotation in official college publications.</p>
	<p>New section:</p> <p><u>5.2 Cal-GETC Courses and Cal-GETC Certification</u></p>
5.1.5	<p>Renumbered and revised:</p> <p>5.1.5 5.2.1 Intra- and Inter- segmental transfer of Cal-GETC Courses towards Cal-GETC certification</p> <p>Given that students often attend multiple California Community Colleges, Cal-GETC coursework completed in specific subject areas of Cal-GETC will be used in the Cal-GETC area designated by the CCC at which the course was completed. In other words,</p> <p><u>Example:</u> If College A is certifying Cal-GETC completion using work completed at College B, College A should use the coursework according to the approved Cal-GETC certification course list from College B on the ASSIST site, regardless of where College A has certified their otherwise potentially-similar course.</p> <p>Example: A lower-division research methods course might be qualified (only) in the quantitative reasoning area for Cal-GETC at College A, but (only) in the <u>Critical Thinking Social and Behavioral Sciences</u> area of Cal-GETC for College B. College A could not use the research methods course from College B to meet the quantitative reasoning requirement for Cal-GETC certification.</p>
5.1.6	<p>Renumbered:</p> <p>5.1.6 5.2.2 California Community College Course Application Rights</p>
5.1.7	<p>Renumbered:</p> <p>5.1.7 5.2.3 Non-California Community College Courses on Cal-GETC</p>

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5.1.9	Renumbered: 5.1.9 5.2.5 International Coursework
5.1.10	Renumbered: 5.1.10 5.2.6 Coursework Taught in a Language Other Than English
5.1.11	Renumbered: 5.1.11 5.2.7 Distance and Correspondence Education
5.1.11.A	Renumbered: 5.1.11.A 5.2.7.A CCC Courses
5.1.11.B	Renumbered: 5.1.11.B 5.2.7.B Non-CCC Courses
5.2	Renumbered and revised: 5.2 5.3 Courses Appropriate for Cal-GETC Courses must be both CSU and UC transferable. There is no limitation on the number of courses completed at other <u>institutions accredited by ICAS-approved accreditors</u> United States institutionally accredited institutions that can be included in the Cal-GETC certification.
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5.3	Renumbered: 5.3 5.4 Courses Not Appropriate for Cal-GETC
5.3.1	Renumbered: 5.3.1 5.4.1 Courses That Focus on Personal, Practical, or Applied Aspects
5.3.2	Renumbered: 5.3.2 5.4.2 Introductory Courses to Professional Programs
5.3.3	Renumbered: 5.3.3 5.4.3 Independent Study or Topics Courses
5.3.4	Renumbered: 5.3.4 5.4.4 Summary of Non-Applicable Courses including, but not limited to, the following Courses not transferable to the CSU and UC using Cal-GETC:
5.3.5	Renumbered and edited: 5.3.5 5.4.5 <u>Minimum Units and</u> Unit Restrictions on courses for Cal-GETC certification
6.1	Link updated: The <u>CSU Systemwide Credit for External Examinations</u> CSU system-wide minimums policy governing the use of these and other AP exams for awarding general education
9	Edited: Coursework taken at <u>an</u> institution of higher education accredited by a United States institutionally accredited institution an ICAS-approved accreditor taught in a language other than English may be used for Cal-GETC. However, course outlines must be submitted for review in English.