

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IGETC

(Disclaimer: For a complete description of approved IGETC Standards, Policies & Procedures, go to [http://www.asccc.org/icas/Docs/Final%20IGETC\\_Standards\\_v1\\_1\\_06-04-09.pdf](http://www.asccc.org/icas/Docs/Final%20IGETC_Standards_v1_1_06-04-09.pdf))

**1. What is IGETC?** The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) is a pattern of courses that California community college students can follow to satisfy *lower-division* general education requirements at any California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) campus. Completion of IGETC qualifies students to receive a Certificate of Achievement from SBCC. **Students who do not qualify for a full or partial certification of their IGETC before transfer will be required to complete the General Education pattern of the UC or CSU campus to which they transfer.** Students should be aware that additional courses are often required to fully satisfy the General Education requirements of the particular UC or CSU campus to which they transfer.

**2. Is IGETC an admission requirement? No.** Completion of IGETC is NOT an *admission requirement* for transfer to a CSU or UC, nor is it the *only* way to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements of the CSU or UC prior to transfer. **Note:** UC Berkeley's College of Letters and Science requires full completion of the IGETC or completion of the Essential Skills Requirement by the end of spring term for fall admission as selection criteria for admission. In general, all UC and CSU campuses highly recommend completion of IGETC for most majors and some rank students for admission based on how closely they complete their lower-division general education before transferring. However, completion of IGETC does NOT guarantee admission to a student's major or campus of choice. Students should meet with an academic counselor to discuss UC and CSU admission requirements. Refer to <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/pdf/A4T.pdf> for UC transfer eligibility requirements and <http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/transfer/> for CSU transfer eligibility requirements.

**3. Is it advisable for all transfer students to follow IGETC? No, IGETC is not advisable for all transfer students.** IGETC will be most useful to students who want to keep their options open before making a final decision about transferring to a particular UC or CSU campus. Some students may be better served by taking courses to fulfill CSU's general education/breadth requirements or those of a particular UC or CSU campus. In general, students who are pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division preparation for admission to the major (such as Engineering or other sciences) should not use IGETC (see "IGETC Considerations" section of the UC "Answers for Transfers" publication available at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/pdf/A4T.pdf> for additional information). Students pursuing these majors are normally advised to complete as much preparation for their major as possible before transfer. Students should meet with an academic counselor to discuss major preparation required for their campus and refer to [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for further information on major requirements. A student who is initially enrolled at a UC and is returning to the same UC campus (after attending a community college) is considered a "readmit" and **cannot** use IGETC. However, students who initially enroll at a UC, attend a community college and return to a **different** UC campus, may be able to use IGETC, but should check with the campus they wish to attend. This restriction does not apply to students who have taken UC summer session or Extension classes only.

**4. Must the entire IGETC pattern be completed prior to transfer? No.** However, to be eligible for full IGETC certification, students **MUST** complete all IGETC requirements before enrolling at a UC or CSU campus. Partial IGETC certification is defined as completing all but one (1) OR two (2) courses on the IGETC pattern. The student may be "partially certified" and complete the missing courses after transfer in a way that is acceptable to the receiving institution. **Warning:** Students need Area 1 and 2 completed to meet minimum transfer admission requirements. Therefore, partial certification that acknowledges a deficiency in Area 1 and/or 2 may also indicate a student does not meet minimum transfer requirements. **Note:** Refer to question 2 above for UC Berkeley's College of Letters and Science admission requirements.

**5. May coursework completed at other institutions be used to certify a student's completion of IGETC? Yes.** However, only courses completed at regionally-accredited institutions can be used under the following conditions: (1) Course work from other California community colleges (CCC) will be placed in the IGETC category listed by that campus. Courses must have been on that college's IGETC list when the courses were completed. Check the ASSIST website at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for IGETC-approved courses from California community colleges. (2) Students transferring from institutions outside of the California community college system may have courses certified for IGETC **only if an equivalent course is taught at a CCC**. Such courses would be placed in the same IGETC category as the equivalent CCC course. Please consult with a counselor. (3) **Courses taken at foreign institutions are not** permitted for certification on the IGETC.

**6. Is there a minimum grade required in all courses used for IGETC certification? Yes.** IGETC courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better (a "C minus" cannot be used). A grade of Credit or Pass may be used if the college's policy states it is equivalent to a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.

**7. Can a course be used to satisfy more than one subject area? No.** Even though a course may be listed in more than one area on IGETC, a course may only be counted in one area (the only exception is an advanced course that meets Area 6A Language Other Than English). However, courses used for IGETC can also count toward preparation for major requirements, except for individual CSU campus restrictions.

**8. Can Advanced Placement (AP) scores be applied to IGETC? Yes.** AP scores of 3, 4 or 5 can be used to satisfy any IGETC subject area *except* the Critical Thinking/English Composition or the Oral Communication requirements (Areas 1B & C). Each AP score can only be used as one course. However, more than one AP score can be used in each area except Area 1. Refer to the chart available at <http://www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter/files/IGETC.pdf> for a list of approved AP scores and the corresponding IGETC area credit.

**9. Can International Baccalaureate (IB) scores be applied to IGETC? Yes.** IB scores of 5, 6 or 7 can be used to satisfy certain IGETC subject areas. Each IB score can only be used as one course. However, more than one IB score can be used in each area. Refer to the chart available at <http://www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter/files/IGETC.pdf> for a list of approved IB scores and the corresponding IGETC area credit.

**10. Is certification of IGETC completion automatic? No.** Certification of IGETC must be requested at the SBCC Transfer Center (SS140) after the student completes the IGETC requirements. Certification will not be made when courses are still in progress or before grades are known. Certification of IGETC is the responsibility of the *last* California community college a student attends prior to transfer. Students must attach their **official transcripts** from other colleges to their request for IGETC certification unless they have already submitted an **official copy** to SBCC's Admissions and Records office.

**10. Is there a minimum unit value per course? Yes.** All courses must have a minimum unit value of 3 semester or 4 quarter units. When combining quarter and semester unit values within an IGETC area, units should be converted to either all quarter or all semester units, whichever best meets the minimum unit requirement for that area.