

Grossmont College

IGETC Q & A

- **Meet** with a Counselor to discuss the IGETC pattern.
- **Review** the IGETC CSU and UC Transfer Students General Education Advising Form

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IGETC

Subject to change. This information will be revised as updates are received.

1. What is IGETC? *IGETC stands for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum.* It is a general education pattern which community college transfer students can use to fulfill lower-division general education requirements in either the CSU or UC system without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower-division general education requirements. Depending on the campus to which one transfers and one's individual circumstances, there may be additional non-GE lower-division graduation requirements to be met (i.e., foreign language, multi-cultural studies, American history) as well as upper division general education requirements.

2. Is IGETC an admission requirement? *No.* Completion of IGETC alone does not meet the admission requirement for either UC or CSU nor is it required in order to be admitted. Completion of IGETC does not guarantee admission to a student's campus of choice. However, completing the lower division breadth/general education requirements – whether through IGETC or the campus-specific requirements – may improve a transfer applicant's chances for admission to a competitive campus and/or program.

3. Is it advisable for all transfer students to follow IGETC? *No.* Depending on a student's major and field of interest, some students may be better served by taking courses which fulfill the CSU General Education requirements or those of the UC campus or college to which they plan to transfer. IGETC will be most useful to students who want to keep their options open before making a final decision about transferring to a particular CSU or UC campus. Once a student has identified a major, it is important for the student to work toward fulfilling any required preparatory courses, particularly in professional or "high unit" majors that select applicants on the basis of satisfaction of lower division major requirements. *It is important to discuss your transfer plans with a Counselor to help you decide if following IGETC is the best option for you.*

4. Must the entire IGETC pattern be completed prior to transfer? *No.* It is now possible to receive "partial certification" of IGETC, when all but two courses on the IGETC pattern have been completed. However, students should consider specific university admissions policies, which may require full IGETC certification or the completion of Areas 1 and 2.

5. May coursework taken at other institutions be used to certify a student's completion of IGETC? *Yes, with stipulations.* Grossmont College will certify courses taken at other accredited colleges and universities under the following conditions: Grossmont College will place courses taken at other California community colleges in the IGETC categories identified by the offering college. Courses must have been on that college's IGETC list when the courses were taken. Courses taken at other colleges/universities may be used on IGETC only if they are judged as equivalent to courses on the IGETC list for Grossmont College or another California community college. However, except for California community colleges, coursework from other institutions generally will not be used to fulfill the critical thinking/English composition requirement (Area 1B). In addition, foreign coursework cannot be part of a student's IGETC certification. *In order to have your previous school's record evaluated for IGETC certification, please make a counseling appointment and bring an unofficial or official transcript to your appointment. At the time you request IGETC certification, you will need to submit OFFICIAL transcripts to Grossmont College Admissions & Records Office.*

6. Will students be required to earn a minimum grade in all courses used for IGETC certification? *Yes.* Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in each course used for IGETC. A "C-" grade is not acceptable. Courses taken on a "pass" basis may be used if the college catalog where the course was taken states that a "credit or pass" grade is equivalent to a "C" or better (Grossmont College has this policy). Students are advised that there are limits on the number of units taken on a "pass/no pass" basis (14 semester unit limit for UC; unit limitations at CSU vary from campus to campus).

7. 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 units or all semester units, whichever best meets the minimum unit requirement for that area. However, the conversion of units from semester to quarter for meeting minimum unit requirements may result in a student needing additional coursework to meet CSU graduation requirements. Note: Courses used to clear the Biological/Physical Science and lab requirement must be 4 semester or 5 quarter units.

8. Can a course be used both to satisfy an IGETC requirement and to fulfill a major requirement? *Yes.* Courses to be used to satisfy IGETC requirements may be double counted toward preparation for major requirements, except for individual CSU campus restrictions.

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9. Can AP scores be applied to IGETC? *Yes.* AP scores of 3, 4, or 5 can be applied to IGETC. Details may be found on: <http://www.ccsf.edu/Services/Articulation/pdf/IGETC%20AP.pdf> and a Counselor can assist.

10. Can a course be used to satisfy more than one subject area? *No.* A single course may be used only once for IGETC. A course may be listed in more than one area, but it may be used to satisfy only one subject requirement. The only exception is Area 6 Language Other Than English.

11. Is certification of IGETC completion automatic? *No.* Students must apply for IGETC certification:

Step One: Schedule an appointment with a counselor. If you have coursework from other colleges, AP scores, or foreign language course work from high school **official** copies must be sent to the Grossmont College Admissions and Records Office.

Step Two: After meeting with the Counselor, bring your certification form to Admissions and Records. Be sure that the office of Admissions and Records has all **official** copies of AP scores, transcripts from other colleges/universities and high school transcripts if they are being used for IGETC certification.

Step Three: Request that a transcript be sent **with an IGETC certification** and be prepared to provide the address of the college/university where you would like your IGETC certification and transcript sent.

UC Campus-Specific IGETC Information

Berkeley: IGETC is not advised for the Colleges of Engineering, Environmental Design, Chemistry, Natural Resources and the Haas School of Business. IGETC is acceptable for all majors in the College of Letters and Science, and it is highly recommended. For selection purposes, Berkeley requires complete certification of IGETC by the end of the spring term *before* students enter Berkeley for the fall semester. However, preparation for the major is also important.

Graduation requirement in American Cultures: This requirement can be completed after transfer. If a Community College transfer student completes a course from the list, it will be cleared automatically when the student send his/her records over, no petition required if it is already approved. However it is advised to check with the transcript office to verify. List of approved community college courses:

<http://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/committees/amcult/approved-ac-courses-other-colleges>.

(Link is in the menu of UC Berkeley website homepage.)

Davis: Although it is honored for all majors, IGETC is not advised for the Division of Biological Sciences; the College of Engineering; the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and majors in the College of Letters and Science that require substantial math and science preparation, such as: Chemistry, Environmental Toxicology, Exercise Science, Fermentation Science, Food Science, or Nutrition Science & Physics. Preparation for the major is most important.

Irvine: Although it is honored for all majors, IGETC is not optimal for transfers to the Schools of Engineering, Biological Sciences or Physical Sciences.

Los Angeles: IGETC is not appropriate for students transferring to the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Merced: IGETC is not recommended for the School of Engineering and the School of Natural Sciences.

Riverside: IGETC is accepted for majors in the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences. Business Administration majors should complete IGETC as well as lower division major preparation. The College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences does not accept IGETC. The College of Engineering will now accept IGETC, though it is not advised.

San Diego: IGETC is accepted by John Muir, Earl Warren, Sixth and Thurgood Marshall Colleges only. For Eleanor Roosevelt and Revelle Colleges, students must fulfill the specific general education requirements of those colleges. Complete certification of IGETC is now required in the Transfer Admission and Guarantee Program (TAG).

Santa Barbara: The College of Letters and Science and the College of Creative Studies accept IGETC. Students planning to major in engineering, computer science or the biological or physical sciences can use IGETC, but must be careful to complete lower division major prerequisites. The College of Engineering also has a depth requirement that may be met with certain IGETC courses.

Santa Cruz: IGETC is not appropriate for any major in the School of Engineering or the Division of Physical and Biological Sciences.

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