

Important: This General Education Pattern is for students with catalog rights prior to Fall 2025. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure they are following the correct general education pattern. Please meet with a counselor if you have questions.

RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

California State University (CSU) General Education Requirements 2025-2026

The courses listed below will fulfill the lower division general education requirements for all CSU campuses.

To obtain a Bachelor's degree from a CSU campus, you must complete 48 semester units of general education. A Community College can certify 39 of these units as having fulfilled the CSU lower division general education requirements. The remaining 9 units of upper-division general education coursework are to be taken at the CSU campus after transfer. A course can only be certified if it was approved for CSU GE when it was taken. This is the approved list for courses taken Fall 2024 through Summer 2025. See www.assist.org for prior years.

Note: Norco College and Moreno Valley College are separate colleges and the courses that are approved for CSU GE may vary. Students who wish to take courses at another institution and apply them towards CSU GE should always first consult with a counselor to make sure the course will fulfill the intended requirement.

A. English Language Communication and Critical Thinking (minimum 9 semester or 12 quarter units)

Must be completed prior to transfer! Select one course from each group. Grades of 'C-' or better are required.

A1. Oral Communication: Communication Studies C1000 or C1000H.

A2. Written Communication: English C1000 or C1000H.

A3. Critical Thinking: Academic Literacy and Reading 4; Communication Studies 3; English 1B or 1BH; Philosophy 11, 32.

B. Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (minimum 9 semester or 12 quarter units)

Must be completed prior to transfer! Select one course from groups 1, 2 and 4. At least one of the science courses must have a lab – see underlined courses.

B1. Physical Science: Astronomy 1A/1AH,1B; CHE 1A/1AH, 1B/1BH,2A,2B,3,10,12A,12B; Geography 1/1H, 1L, 5(same as PHS-5); Geology 1, 1L, 1B,2,3,4,5; Oceanography 1,1L; Physical Science 1,5(same as GEG-5); Physics 2A,2B,4A,4B,4C,4D,10,11.

B2. Life Science: Anthropology 1/1H,1L; Biology 1/1H,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,14, 15,16,18,19,20,45,50A,50B, 55,60,61; Psychology 2.

B3. Laboratory Activity: This requirement may be met by completion of any lab course listed above in areas B-1 or B-2. All underlined courses will meet this requirement.

B4. Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (grade of 'C-' or better is required): Computer Information Systems/Computer Science 7; Computer Information Systems 70A (same as MAT-70A); Math 1A/1AH, 1B, 1C,2,3,5,9,10,11,23, 25,26,36, 70A (same as CIS-70A),70B; Psychology/Sociology 48, Statistics C1000 or C1000H

C. Arts and Humanities (minimum 9 semester or 12 quarter units)

Select three courses, with at least one course from "Arts" and one course from "Humanities":

C1. Arts: Art 6(same as AHS-6) or 6H (same as AHS-6H); Art History 1/1H,2/2H,3,4,5,6(same as Art-6) or 6H (same as Art-6H),7,8,9,10,12,13,14,15,16,17,20; Communication Studies 7,11; Dance 6/6H; Film Studies 1/1H,2,3,4,5; Film, Television and Video 65; Music 19,22,23,25,26,89/89H; Spanish 11; Theater Arts 3,9,29.

C2. Humanities: American Sign Language 1,2,3,4,5, 22; Arabic 1,2,3,8,11/11H; Art History 4; Chinese 1,2,11; Communication Studies 7; English 1B/1BH, 6,7,8(same as HUM-8),9, 11,12,14,15,16,18, 20, 23(same as HUM-23), 24, 25, 30,34,40,41,44,45,48,66; English as a Second Language 50; Ethnic Studies 1, 2(same as HIS-31), 3,7,8, 13 (same as PHI-14), 14(same as HIS-14), 15(same as HIS-15), 28(same as HIS-28), 29(same as HIS-29), 40, 44(same as HIS-44); Film Studies 5; Film, Television and Video 12; French 1,2,3,8,11; History 1,2/2H,6/6H,7/7H, 11(same as MIL-1),12 (same as MIL-2),14(same as ETS-14),15(same as ETS-15),19,25,26,28(same as ETS-28), 29(same as ETS-29),31(same as ETS-2),32,33,34,35, 42,44(same as ETS-44), 60, 61; Humanities 4/4H,5/5H, 8(Same as ENG-8),9,10/10H,11,16,18(same as PHI-18),23(same as ENG-23),35(same as PHI-35); Italian 1,2,3,11; Japanese 1,2,3,4,11; Military Science 1(same as HIS-11),2(same as HIS-12); Philosophy 10/10H,12,13, 14(same as ETS-13),18 (same as HUM-18),19,33,34,35(same as HUM-35),36; Portuguese 1,2; Russian 1,2,3,11; Spanish 1,2,3,4,8,11,12.

D. Social Sciences (minimum 6 semester or 8 quarter units) Select two courses:

Administration of Justice 1/1H,3/3H,9/9H; Anthropology 2/2H,3,4(same as ETS-27),5,6,7,8; Chemistry 17; Communications 9/9H,12,13,20; Early Childhood Studies 20,42; Economics 4,5,6(same as POLS-6),7/7H,8/8H,9/9H,10; Ethnic Studies 1,2(same as HIS-31),3,7,8,14(same as HIS-14) 15(same as HIS-15), 21(same as POLS-21), 23(same as POLS-23) 27(same as ANT-4),28(same as HIS-28), 29(same as HIS-29), 40, 44(same as HIS-44); Film, Television & Video 41; Geography 2,3,4,6; History 1,2/2H,6/6H,7/7H, 11(same as MIL-1),12(same as MIL-2),14 (same as ETS-14),15 (same as ETS-15),16,17,18,19,25,26,28(same as ETS-28), 29 (same as ETS-29),31(same as ETS-2), 32,33,34,35,38,42, 44 (same as HIS-44), 60, 61; Journalism 7; Military Science 1(same as HIS-11), 2(same as HIS-12); Political Science C1000/C1000H, 2 /2H,4/4H,5,6(same as ECO-6), 8 ,11,13, 17,20,21(same as ETS-21), 22,23(same as ETS-23); Psychology C1000/C1000H,8,9,11,33,35 or 35H,50; Sociology 1/1H, 2,3,10/10H, 12, 15,20,21,25, 50.

E. Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (minimum 3 semester or 4 quarter units)

Academic Literacy and Reading 3; Biology 16,35 (*same as HES-1*); Early Childhood Studies 20,42; Guidance 47,48; Health Science 1(*same as BIO-35*); Kinesiology 4,10,12,35,36, 38; Nursing 14; Psychology 9,10,11,33; Sociology 12.

*Activity courses - **Only 1 unit of activity coursework may be applied towards area E.** Students who took GUI-48 when approved as 2 units may combine with 1 unit from the approved activity courses listed below to fulfill the 3 units required in area E:*

DAN D13,D20,D21,D22,D23,D26, D29, D30ABC,D31,D31B,D32,D33,D34,D35,D37,D38,D39, D43,D44, D46,D47,D48,D49,D50,D51,D60; KIN A3,A4,A7,A08A, A11,A12, A13,A20,A21,A28,A29, A30,A31ABC, A43,A44 ,A54A,A54B, A55, A57ABC, A62, A64ABC, A67, A68,A69, A71,A75A,A75B, A77ABC, A81ABC,A89ABC,A90ABC,V1,V2,V4,V5,V6,V7,V8,V9, V10, V11, V12, V14,V18, V19, V20,V21,V22, V23,V24,V26,V27, V33,V34, V50,V51,V52,V53, V55, V56, V60,V61, V70,V71, V78,V82, V92,V94,V95.

Completion of basic military training as indicated on a JST or CCAF transcript may be used to satisfy area E. Official transcript must be on file.

F. Ethnic Studies (3 semester units or 4 quarter units) Select one course:

Ethnic Studies 1, 3, 7, 8, 13(*same as PHI-14*) 14(*same as HIS-14*), 15(*same as HIS-15*), 21(*same as POLS-21*), 23(*same as POLS-23*), 44(*same as HIS-44*); History 14(*same as ETS-14*), 15(*same as ETS-15*), 44(*same as ETS-44*); Philosophy 14(*same as ETS-13*); Political Science 21(*same as ETS-21*), 23(*same as ETS-23*);

CSU Graduation Requirement in United States History, Constitution, and Government

Although this is not a part of the general education requirements, **it is a CSU graduation requirement** that you can complete at a community college prior to transfer. ETS-2, HIS-6/6H, 7/7H, 11, 12, 28, 29, 31, 34, 60, 61, MIL-1,2 may also be used to partially fulfill area C or D. HUM-16 may also be used to partially fulfill area C. POLS-C1000/C1000H may also be used to partially fulfill area D. ETS/POLS 21 or 23 may also be used to fulfill area F or to partially fulfill area D. ETS/HIS-14, 15, 44 may also be used to fulfill area F or to partially fulfill area C or D. The same course may not be used in more than one GE area.

1. U.S. History (3 units)

Ethnic Studies 2(*same as HIS-31*), 14(*same as HIS-14*), 15(*same as HIS-15*), 28(*same as HIS-28*), 29(*same as HIS-29*), 44(*same as HIS-44*); History 6 or 6H or 7 or 7H,11 (*same as MIL-1*), 12(*same as MIL-2*), 14(*same as ETS-14*), 15(*same as ETS-15*), 28(*same as ETS-28*), 29(*same as ETS-29*), 31(*same as ETS-2*), 34,44(*same as ETS-44*), 60, 61; Humanities 16;

2. Constitution and Government (3 units)

Ethnic Studies 21(*same as POLS-21*); Political Science C1000/C1000H, 21(*same as ETS-21*);

Note: Riverside City College's POLS-C1000/C1000H or ETS/POL-21 fulfills the CSU graduation requirement in both U.S. government and California state and local government. Students who have completed ETS/POLS-23, or who have received a score of 3 or higher on the AP U.S. Government and Politics exam, or who have taken a U.S. government class at an out-of-state institution may have fulfilled the U.S. government requirement but will still need to fulfill the California state and local government in order to graduate from the CSU.

NOTES:

1. Courses cannot be double-counted to satisfy more than one area, even if a course is listed in more than one area.
 2. Upper division transfer students will need to complete a minimum of 60 transferable units, their “Golden 4” courses, and at least 30 units of general education.
 3. “Golden 4 Courses” in Areas A-1, A-2, A-3, and B-4 must be completed with grades of “C-” or better prior to admission. However, RCCD requires a “C” grade or better to meet course prerequisites.
 4. It is highly recommended to make an appointment with a counselor to ensure proper academic planning and to complete a student educational plan (SEP).
 5. There may be transfer limitations of certain types of credits - please consult with a counselor to discuss any such limitations.
 6. If you are completing an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) – please meet with a counselor to review important information about the ADT: Similar Majors at the CSU, Application Process for the ADT, and general benefits.
 7. CSU GE area F is effective for students beginning at a CCC or a CSU campus in fall 2021 and beyond. Students with continuous enrollment prior to fall 2021 may choose to complete the pre-fall 21 CSU GE pattern without Area F and with 9 units from at least two different disciplines completed in Area D. For purposes of area F, continuous enrollment is defined as attendance in at least one semester per calendar year at a CSU or California Community College or a combination of the two. See a counselor for details.
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CSU GE for STEM - Students pursuing certain Associate Degrees for Transfer may be eligible to complete CSU GE for STEM, deferring two lower-division GE courses until after transfer. CSU GE for STEM is applicable only to majors in which the Transfer Model Curriculum explicitly indicates the availability of the option. **At Riverside City College, currently only the ADT in Biology allows CSU GE for STEM.**

"CSU GE Breadth for STEM" certification as part of an Associate Degree for Transfer in Biology would require that the student has completed:

- a. All courses in Areas A, B, E and F of the traditional GE Breadth curriculum; and
- b. One course in Area C1 Arts and one course in Area C2 Humanities; and
- c. One course in Area D

Please consult with a Riverside City College counselor to discuss which general education pattern is the best option for you based on your individual major, goals, and transfer institution.