



Changes to Lifelong Learning/ Self Development General Education Area

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Current Area E approved courses

GE Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self Development

3 units Required (max. 2 units from E2)

Up to 3 units of course work in Area E may be applied towards completion of General Education requirements, or students may select additional 3 units of General Education from Areas A-D above.

E1: BIOL 310 CRER 137 ECE. 201 HSCI 100, 116 KINE 101, 105, 109 PSYC 200, 340

E2: (Physical Education activity courses – maximum of 2 units may apply to General Education requirements):

AQUA 127.1, 127.2, 127.3, 127.4, 133.1, 135.1 **DANC** 115.1, 115.2, 115.3, 115.4, 117.1, 117.2, 117.3, 117.4, 121.1, 121.2, 121.3, 121.4, 125.1, 125.2, 125.3, 125.4, 130.1, 130.2, 130.3, 130.4, 140.1, 140.2, 140.3, 140.4, 150.1, 150.2, 150.3, 150.4, 151.1, 151.2, 151.3, 151.4, 161.1, 161.2, 161.3, 161.4, 220, 350.1, 350.2, 350.3, 350.4, 400.1, 400.2, 400.3, 400.4 **FITN** 112, 117, 118, 119, 122, 128.1, 128.2, 152, 153, 154, 210, 227.1, 227.2, 227.3, 227.4, 235, 301.1, 301.2, 301.3, 304.1, 304.2, 304.3, 304.4; 308.1, 332.1, 332.2; 334.1, 334.2, 334.3, 334.4; 335.1, 335.2, 335.3, 335.4 **INDV** 121.1, 121.2, 160.1, 160.2, 160.3, 160.4; 251.1, 251.2, 251.3, 251.4 **TEAM** 105, 111.1, 111.2, 111.3, 111.4; 132.1, 132.2, 132.3; 141.1, 141.2, 141.3, 141.4; 148.1, 148.2, 148.3, 148.4, 171.1, 171.2, 171.3, 171.4; 183, 184, 185, 186, 187 **VARS** 104, 114, 140, 154, 160, 170, 300, 340, 350, 400

• Other: _____

Background- why change?

- ❑ New singular general education pattern known as CalGETC
- ❑ Revisions to Title V regulations relating to Associate Degree Requirements (Section 55060).
 - ❑ For local degrees, students can use CalGETC GE pattern or local GE pattern.
 - ❑ 12 unit residency requirement for degrees applies to within the District (not college)
- ❑ California Community Colleges need to ensure compliance with the regulations by Fall 2025.

Minimum GE Areas Outlined in Title V Revisions

(1) English Composition, Oral Communication, and Critical Thinking

(minimum of 6 units) including:

(A) English Composition (minimum of 3 units)

(B) Oral Communication or Critical Thinking (minimum of 3 units)

(2) Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (minimum of 3 units)

(3) Arts and Humanities (minimum of 3 units)

(4) Social and Behavioral Sciences (minimum of 3 units)

(5) Natural Sciences (minimum of 3 units)

(6) Ethnic Studies (minimum of 3 units)

Cal-GETC GE Areas

Area	Subject	Courses (minimum 3 semester/4 quarter units)
1	English Communication English Composition Critical Thinking and Composition Oral Communication	1 course 1 course 1 course
2	Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	1 course
3	Arts and Humanities Arts Humanities	1 course 1 course
4	Social and Behavioral Sciences Two disciplines	2 courses
5	Physical and Biological Sciences Physical Science Biological Science Laboratory (for physical or biological science course)	1 course 1 course (1 unit)
6	Ethnic Studies	1 course
Total Courses (units)		11 courses (34 semester units)

Options for CA Community Colleges re: Lifelong Learning/Self Development

- ❑ No requirement for Lifelong Learning/Self-Development.
- ❑ An Area 7 could be added to the local Associate Degree General Education requirements.
- ❑ A “Lifelong Learning/Self Development” graduation requirement could be added.

Option 1: Eliminating the requirement

Considerations:

- Mission, vision, and value statements across the district, speak to supporting student academic and personal growth.
- Elimination of requirement will dramatically reduce enrollment in Lifelong Learning courses.
- There is no plan for the CSU to require an Area E type course as a graduation requirement.
- Can we justify this requirement for local degree recipients only? (not required for transfer students – double standard?)

Option 2: Add an Area 7 to AA/AS GE

Considerations:

- GE Areas 1-7 for local degrees will be misaligned with CalGETC 1-6.
- May be clearer for students to understand a GE Area 7 then a graduation requirement.
- Courses approved in the area would be required to meet a specified unit threshold.

Option 3: Add as graduation requirement

Considerations:

- Concept of graduation requirement is less clear to students (than a GE Area).
- Allows staying in alignment with CalGETC Areas 1-6.
- It will be easier to add a GE Area if CalGETC is revised.
- Can define the number of units or courses a student needs, versus having a specified unit requirement in a GE area.

Input:

Thoughts? Ideas? Emotions? Questions? Confusion? Concerns?

