

# ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

## IGETC

### 2009-2010 INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM

#### WHAT IS THE INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM?

The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) is a pattern of courses that California community college students can use to satisfy lower division general education requirements for any University of California or California State University campus. It is not the only way to fulfill the lower division general education requirements of UC or CSU. Students have other options including CSU General Education Breadth Requirements (AA Option 2) or the general education pattern for a specific UC or CSU campus. ***It is strongly recommended that students consult with a counselor to determine which general education pattern is the most appropriate for them.***

#### WHO CAN USE THE IGETC?

The IGETC was developed for use by California community college transfer students. It should be used by students planning to transfer to the University of California. It can also be used for transfer to CSU although Option 2 (CSU GE Breadth) may be a better choice. It is most advantageous for transfers who have not decided on a campus since it can be used by students who want to transfer to either UC or CSU. Using the IGETC enables students to keep their transfer options open.

#### WHAT IS THE UC DEFINITION OF A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT?

To be considered a California community college transfer student by the University of California: 1) a student must be enrolled at one or more California community colleges for at least two terms (excluding summer sessions) and 2) the last college attended before admission to a UC campus must be a California community college (excluding summer sessions) and 3) the student must complete at least 30 semester UC transferable units at one or more California community college.

#### WHAT IS THE CSU DEFINITION OF A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENT?

To be considered a California community college transfer student by CSU, a student must have completed more than half of their transfer units at a California community college.

#### WHO CANNOT USE THE IGETC?

Students who initially enroll at a UC campus, then leave to attend a community college, and subsequently want to return to the same campus are considered "readmits" by the University. Such students cannot use the IGETC. However, students who enroll at a UC campus and subsequently transfer to a different UC campus are eligible to use the IGETC. Most of the campuses require that a substantial number of units, usually at least half, be completed at the community college.

Students who initially enroll at a CSU campus, then leave to attend a community college, and subsequently want to return to the same CSU campus cannot use the IGETC. Students transferring to CSU who have completed more than half of their transfer units at other than a California community college cannot use the IGETC.

The IGETC is not appropriate for students in the following programs: Berkeley - Business Administration, Chemistry in the College of Chemistry, Architecture and Landscape Architecture, all majors in the College of Natural Resources. San Diego - Revelle College and Roosevelt College. Engineering majors at all UC campuses. High unit majors (e.g. biological and physical sciences) at UC campuses may want to use the individual campus GE rather than the IGETC.

#### WHAT IS CERTIFICATION?

Certification is the process whereby OCC verifies the completion of the IGETC for students who are transferring to either UC or CSU. This verification means that students will not have to take any additional lower division General Education courses after transfer. Students who do not get certified will have to meet the GE requirements of the specific UC or CSU campus they are transferring to. Doing this usually requires taking additional courses. Certification is not automatic and must be requested in the Records Office when the final transcript is sent to UC or CSU.

**MAY COURSES COMPLETED AT OTHER CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES BE USED TO MEET THE IGETC REQUIREMENTS?**

Yes. A course completed at any California community college can be used if the course is on that college's approved IGETC list. Course work from another California community college will be applied in the IGETC area listed by that college. The course must have been on that college's IGETC list when the course was taken there.

**MAY COURSES TAKEN AT OTHER THAN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES BE USED TO MEET THE IGETC REQUIREMENTS?**

Yes. A course taken at other than a California community college (i.e. UC, CSU, independent, out-of-state) will be certified if an equivalent course is taught at any of the California community colleges.

**CAN ALL COURSES ON THE CURRENT IGETC LIST BE USED TO MEET REQUIREMENTS?**

Courses on the IGETC list are approved for a specific academic year which begins with the Fall semester. Students wishing to use a course to satisfy an IGETC requirement must make sure that it is on the list when taken. Courses which have been added or deleted since the initial list was published in 1991 are identified in parentheses.

**IS THERE A MINIMUM UNIT VALUE PER COURSE?**

Courses used to meet IGETC requirements must be at least 4 quarter or 3 semester units each. The only exceptions are science lab courses which are taken with science lecture courses. Courses used to meet a science lecture/lab requirement must total 4 semester or 5 quarter units.

**WILL STUDENTS BE REQUIRED TO EARN A MINIMUM GRADE IN COURSES USED FOR IGETC?**

All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. C- grades are not acceptable. Courses can be taken CR/NC if "CR" equals a C or better.

**CAN COURSES TAKEN AT FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS BE USED TO CERTIFY THE IGETC?**

No. These courses cannot be used to meet IGETC requirements.

**CAN CREDIT AWARDED FOR AP EXAMS BE USED TO MEET IGETC REQUIREMENTS?**

Credit earned by Advanced Placement can be used to meet some IGETC requirements. A score of 3 or higher on a specific exam will clear one requirement for a certain area on. For example, while OCC grants credit for History 170 and 175 for a score of 3 on the U.S. history exam, it will only clear one requirement in IGETC Area 3B.

**CAN CREDIT EARNED FOR CLEP EXAMS BE USED TO MEET IGETC REQUIREMENTS?**

No. CLEP Exams cannot be used to satisfy IGETC requirements.

**IS THE IGETC REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO CSU OR UC?**

Completion of the IGETC does not necessarily meet all admission requirements for either UC or CSU, although individual campuses may require its completion as a condition for admission.

**IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR UC VS CSU?**

Yes. Certification for CSU must include the completion of the Oral Communication requirement, Area 1C. Certification for UC must include satisfaction of the Language Other Than English proficiency requirement.

**SINCE THE CSU AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS REQUIREMENT IS NOT PART OF THE IGETC, SHOULD STUDENTS COMPLETE IT BEFORE TRANSFER?**

Yes, it is advisable to complete this requirement, if possible, prior to transfer. If it is completed, OCC will certify this to the CSU. Courses used to satisfy the CSU American Institutions requirement can be double counted to meet IGETC requirements in Areas 3 or 4 effective Fall 2008.