

# ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

## 2009-2010 CSU GENERAL EDUCATION BREADTH

### WHAT IS CSU GENERAL EDUCATION BREADTH?

CSU General Education Breadth is a pattern of courses that community college students can use to satisfy lower division general education requirements for any California State University campus. Completion of CSU GE Breadth is not a requirement for transfer to CSU, nor is it the only way to fulfill the lower division general education requirements of CSU prior to transfer. Students have other options including the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the GE for a particular 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 CSU GE BREADTH?

CSU GE Breadth was developed for use by California community college transfer students. It should be used by students planning to transfer to a campus of the California State University.

### WHAT IS CERTIFICATION?

Certification is the process whereby OCC verifies the completion of CSU GE Breadth for students who are transferring to CSU. OCC will certify the completion of all or part of the CSU GE Breadth requirements. Courses from other colleges will be included. 12 of the required units must be taken at OCC. For partial certification students must complete all courses required in each area certified. Individual courses will not be certified. Certification is not automatic and must be requested in the Records Office when the final transcript is sent to CSU. Course work taken at another college after a student's last term at OCC will not be certified.

### MAY COURSES TAKEN AT OTHER CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES BE USED TO MEET CSU GE BREADTH REQUIREMENTS?

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

### MAY COURSES TAKEN AT A CSU CAMPUS BE USED TO MEET THE CSU GE BREADTH REQUIREMENTS?

Yes. A course taken at a CSU will be applied in the CSU GE Breadth category identified by the campus at which it was taken.

### MAY COURSES TAKEN AT OTHER THAN A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR CSU BE USED TO MEET THE CSU GE BREADTH REQUIREMENTS?

Yes. Courses taken at other colleges can be used in certification if an equivalent course is taught at OCC. Such courses can be used only if the equivalent OCC course was on OCC's approved list at the time the course was taken at the other college.

### HOW MANY OF THE REQUIRED UNITS MUST BE TAKEN AT OCC?

12 of the required units must be taken at OCC.

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

Courses on the CSU GE Breadth list are approved for a specific academic year which begins with the Fall semester. Students wishing to use a course to satisfy a CSU GE Breadth requirement must make sure that it is on the list for the year in which it is taken. Courses which have been added or deleted since the original list was published in 1981 are identified in parentheses.

**WILL STUDENTS BE REQUIRED TO EARN A MINIMUM GRADE IN COURSES USED FOR CSU GE BREADTH?**

Students must complete Areas A1, A2, A3 and B4 with grades of C or better. D grades are acceptable in other areas except that CSU requires the completion of 30 GE units with a grade of C or better for admission. Courses can be taken CR/NC since a grade of CR at OCC is equivalent to a C; however each campus limits the number of CR/NC courses that they will accept, so students should probably take no more than 15 units in this manner.

**CAN COURSES TAKEN AT FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS BE USED TO MEET CSU GE BREADTH REQUIREMENTS?**

No. These courses cannot be used to meet CSU GE Breadth requirements.

**CAN CREDIT AWARDED FOR AP EXAMS BE USED TO MEET CSU GE BREADTH REQUIREMENTS?**

College credit earned by Advanced Placement can be used to meet CSU GE Breadth requirements. See the "Credit for Advanced Placement" handout available in the Transfer Center to determine appropriate credit application.

**CAN CREDIT EARNED FOR CLEP EXAMS BE USED TO MEET CSU GE BREADTH REQUIREMENTS?**

No. CLEP Exams cannot be used to satisfy CSU GE Breadth requirements.

**IS COMPLETION OF CSU GE BREADTH REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION?**

Completion of CSU GE Breadth does not necessarily meet admission requirements for CSU, although individual campuses may require its completion prior to admission. Transfer students (including those eligible from high school) applying to upper division standing (60 or more units) must complete at least 30 semester units of course work from CSU GE Breadth with grades of C or better including A1, A2, A3, B4 and an additional 18 units selected from other areas.

**WHAT IS THE CSU AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS REQUIREMENT AND WILL OCC CERTIFY ITS COMPLETION?**

CSU requires the completion of a U.S. history course (History 100, 170, 170H, 175, 175H or 177 or Economics 177) and a political science course (Political Science 180 or 180H). OCC will certify the completion of this requirement. The history and political science course can be included as part of Area D.

**NOTICE: Any certification submitted to CSU must conform to the current CSU GE Breadth pattern and unit requirements. Students are not permitted by CSU to follow old patterns or requirements even if continuous enrollment has been maintained.**