



INFORMATION ABOUT GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

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Are you a “post-bac” [aka someone with a bachelor’s degree from another institution]? Here are the rules for post-bacs:

- If you are a graduate of another CSU or a UC, **you don’t need to do any GE** Breadth requirements or American Institutions or GWAR because you already did it all. [There are some exceptions though for major courses that also “double count” as GE like Meteorology (Upper Division Science or Math) and Admiralty Law (Upper Division Social Science) for MT students. You still have to meet your major requirements, so you might still end up taking a course with a GE classification.
- If you are a post-bac who graduated from a private or an out-of-state school, things get complicated.
 - EO1065 says “A postbaccalaureate student who is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program shall not be subject to the requirements set forth in this section if: 1) The student has previously earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association; or 2) The student has completed equivalent academic preparation, as determined by the appropriate campus authority. Contact the University Advisors or Faculty Director of General Education Sarah Senk (ssenk@csum.edu) if you fall into this category

Did you complete a degree at a California Community College?

- If so, you most likely satisfied “IGETC” – the Intersegmental General Transfer Curriculum [recently renamed “CAL-GETC”] and shouldn’t need to do *any* lower division GE.
- You will still need to take Upper Division Math/Science, Upper Division Arts/Humanities, and Upper Division Social Science. You’ll likely need GWAR, too.

Did you go to a California Community College (or another CSU) but didn’t complete your degree?

- You may need to work with the University Advisors since cases like these are handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Did you take an American Institutions History course but *not* Ethnic Studies? Then you still have to take HIS 100 or 101 at Cal Maritime. (If you already took the History component of American Institutions elsewhere, your other option is to do an Ethnic Studies course at another university.)

Did you complete a degree at an out-of-state Community College?

- You may still need to do an American Institutions government course. A course at an out-of-state school wouldn’t usually count because the CSU requires units specifically focused on *California* government. Contact your advisor if this applies to you.

Are you an “Associate’s Degree for Transfer (ADT)”?

- *Odds are you’re not unless you are in IBL* But this may apply to GSMA and OCN, too.
- If they have an ADT then by law we have to graduate you in 60 units; this is required by law. Each CSU has a specialized curriculum within each program. Your advisor may need to contact their Department Chair for waivers. You may also contact the Faculty GE Director ssenk@csum.edu and/or the Registrar if you have questions.

LIST OF CAL MARITIME GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

SUBJECT AREA 1 [formerly Area A] English Language Communication and Critical Thinking

1A English Composition [formerly A2 - Written Communication]

- EGL 100 - English Composition
- EGL 101-102 - Stretch English Composition [year-long version of EGL 100]

1B Critical Thinking [formerly A3 - Critical Thinking]

- EGL 220 - Critical Thinking

1C Oral Communication [formerly A1 - Oral Communication]

- EGL 110 - Speech Communication
- EGL 120 - Technical Communication
- ENG 112 - Introduction to Technical Communication + ME 490 Engineering Design Process *[ME majors only]*

SUBJECT AREA 2 [formerly part of Area B4] Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning

2 Lower Division Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning [formerly B4]

- MTH 100 College Algebra and Trig
- MTH 107 Elementary Statistics
- MTH 205 Calculus for Business
- MTH 210 Calculus I
- MTH 211 Calculus II
- MTH 212 Calculus III
- MTH 215 Differential Equations
- NAU 205 Ship Stability

2 Upper Division Math [formerly one small part of Area B Upper Division, along with all the sciences; you don't have to do this if you have an Upper Division Area 5 in your roadmap] *Remember there is no standalone Area 2 upper division requirement; there is an "Area 2 or 5" upper division requirement - FML - but below are the only two courses at Cal Maritime that received Upper Division Area B classification due to their "quantitative reasoning" components.*

- MGT 410 - Quantitative Managerial Methods
- GMA 370 - [International Political Economy](#)

**SUBJECT AREA 3 [formerly Area C]
Arts and Humanities**

3A - Arts (Lower Division) [formerly Area C1]

- EGL 225 - Creative Writing
- HUM 115 - Maritime Arts [may also count as Area E]
- HUM 120 - Intro to Visual Arts
- HUM 215 - Introduction to Cinema

3B - Humanities (Lower Division) [formerly Area C2]

- EGL 200 - Introduction to Literature
- LAN 110 - Spanish I
- LAN 115 - Spanish II
- LAN 120 - Chinese I
- LAN 125 - Chinese II

3 Upper Division Arts and Humanities [formerly Area C Upper Division]

- EGL 305 - Twentieth Century American Literature
- EGL 309 - British Literature of the Sea
- EGL 310 - U.S. Literature of the Sea
- EGL 315 - World Literature of the Sea
- EGL 320 - Literature of the Fantastic
- EGL 330 - Literature and Psychology
- EGL 340 - Multicultural Literature in America
- EGL 345 - Literature and the Environment
- HUM 325 - Globalization of Culture
- HUM 350 - Maritime Culture
- HUM 380 - Ethical Inquiry
- HUM 400 - Ethics

**SUBJECT AREA 4 [formerly Area D]
Social Sciences and Behavioral Sciences**

4 - Lower Division Social and Behavioral Sciences [formerly Area D]

- ECO 100 - Macroeconomics
- ECO 101 - Microeconomics
- GMA 100 - International Relations
- GMA 105 - Ocean Politics
- GMA 215 - Comparative Politics
- GMA 220 - Comparative Maritime Policies [approved January 2021]
- GMA 225 - SE Asia-Maritime/Mainland
- GMA 235 - GIS Mapping and Spatial Analysis [approved in 2019]
- GMA 240 - World Geography
- GMA 250 - Environmental Policy
- GOV 200 - American Government
- HIS 100 - Survey of American History to 1877: Precontact through the Civil War [can count as either Area D or Area F]

- HIS 101 - Survey of American History from 1877: Civil War through Civil Rights [can count as either Area D or Area F]

4 - Upper Division Social and Behavioral Sciences [formerly Upper Division Area D]

- GMA 300 - US Foreign Policy
- ENG 310 - [Engineering Ethics](#)
- GMA 310 - The Geopolitics of Energy
- GMA 315 - China and its Neighbors
- GMA 320 - Ocean Environmental Management
- GMA 325 - Indian Ocean Rim
- GMA 330 - Maritime Security
- GMA 335 - Maritime California
- GMA 340 - International Migration [not on registrar's list, no record of CCR, confirm with Pat]
- GMA 350 - Political Geography
- GMA 355 - Cross-Cultural Competence [also Area E]
- GMA 365 - Polar Politics [on registrar's list but not mine; show me the CCR!]
- GMA 405 - International Maritime Organizations
- GMA 415 - Strategy and War
- GMA 420 - Cybersecurity
- GMA 425 - Civil Conflict
- GMA 450 - Special Topics in Maritime Policy [on registrar's list but not mine; show me the CCR]
- HIS 300 - Maritime History of the US
- HIS 305 - The World Since 1500
- HIS 315 - World Maritime History I
- HIS 316 - World Maritime History II
- LAW 300 - International Law [on registrar's list but not Sarah's; show me the CCR!]
- LAW 315 - Admiralty Law [not on Registrar's List but it's an approved GE Course]
- LDR 210 - Foundations of Leadership [still on registrar's list but flagged for Area D removal in 2020 Program Review]

**Subject Area 5 [formerly part of Area B]
Physical and Biological Sciences**

5A - Physical Science [formerly Area B1]

- CHE 105 - Introductory Chemistry
- CHE 110 - General Chemistry
- CHE 205 - Chemistry of Power Plant Processes
- ~~OCN 200 - Oceanography I~~ [GE Designation Removed February 2021]
- ~~OCN 210 - Oceanography II~~ [GE Designation Removed February 2021]
- PHY 100 - General Physics I
- PHY 105 - General Physics II
- PHY 120 - Physics for Future Leaders
- PHY 200 - Engineering Physics I
- PHY 205 - Engineering Physics II

5B - Biological Science [formerly Area B2 Life Science]

- OCN 100 - Marine Biology
- OCN 110 - Marine Ecology

5C - Laboratory [formerly Area B3]

- CHE 105L - Introductory Chemistry Lab
- CHE 110L - General Chemistry Lab
- OCN 100L - Marine Biology Lab
- OCN 110L - Marine Ecology Lab
- OCN 200L - Introduction to Oceanography Lab
- PHY 100L - General Physics Lab
- PHY 105L - General Physics II Lab
- PHY 120L - Physics for Future Leaders Lab
- PHY 200L - Engineering Physics I Lab

5 Upper Division Science [formerly part of Area B Upper Division, along with math classes; you don't have to do this if you have an Upper Division Area 2 in your roadmap]

- NAU 330 - Meteorology
- OCN 320 - Oceans and Climate

Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development
Dead for Fall 2025 Matriculants

- ~~BUS 120 - Environment of Modern Business~~ [on registrar's list but no record of CCR]
- GMA 355 - Cross-Cultural Competence
- HUM 115 - Maritime Arts [may also count as C1]
- NAU 103 - Introduction to Marine Transportation
- OCN 225 - Environmental Sustainability

**Area 6 [formerly Area F]
Ethnic Studies**

Area 1A English Composition [formerly A2 - Written Communication]

- HIS 100 - [Survey of American History to 1877: Precontact through the Civil War](#) [can count as *either* Area D or Area F]
- HIS 101 - [Survey of American History from 1877: Civil War through Civil Rights](#) [can count as *either* Area D or Area F]