

TITLE 5 CHANGES

A number of revisions were made including:

- Removing the requirement of Elementary Algebra as a prerequisite for a course to be approved to meet the mathematics competency;
- Clarifying definitions of course "completion" (student receives credit) and course "satisfactory completion" (student receives a "C" or better or a "P");
- Allowing (not requiring) districts to calculate Grade Point Average (GPA) solely on courses that satisfy degree requirements when a student earns over 60 units (for local degrees);
- Adding language from Section 55064 regarding the use of noncredit courses to fulfill credit requirements as a form of credit for prior learning;
- Removing references to specific disciplines and adding language focusing on the competencies students should be able to demonstrate (i.e., written expression and quantitative reasoning);
- Aligning association degree course requirements with the Cal-GETC pattern;
- Clarifying that Ethnic Studies courses are Baccalaureate-level courses (not to be confused with courses being above or below transfer-level);
- Clarifying that students who have been awarded a bachelor's degree from an 'institutionally-accredited institution' (new U.S. Department of Education nomenclature) shall be deemed to have fulfilled the general education course requirements for the associate degree; and
- Specifying that students who intend to transfer shall be advised of limitations transfer institutions may place on the transferability of credits, based on institutional accreditation, course modality, and any other relevant factors.

TITLE 5 APPROVED ASSOCIATE DEGREE GE PATHWAY

#	GE Area	Units	Title 5 Section
1	English Composition Oral Communication or Critical Thinking	3 semester/4 quarter units* 3 semester/4 quarter units*	Title 5 §55063(c)(4)(A) and (d)(1) Title 5 §55063(c)(4)(B)
2	Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	3 semester/4 quarter units+	Title 5 §55063(c)(4)(B) and (d)(2)
3	Arts and Humanities	3 semester/4 quarter units*	Title 5 §55063(c)(3)
4	Social and Behavioral Sciences	3 semester/4 quarter units*	Title 5 §55063(c)(2)
5	Natural Sciences	3 semester/4 quarter units*	Title 5 §55063(c)(1)
6	Ethnic Studies	3 semester/4 quarter units*	Title 5 §55063(d)(3)

APPROVED CAL-GETC PATTERN

CalGETC Area	Subject	Courses/Units
1 - English Communication	English Composition	1 course (3 units)
	Critical Thinking and Composition	1 course (3 units)
	Oral Communication	1 course (3 units)
2 - Math and Statistics	Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	1 course (3 units)
3 - Arts and Humanities	Arts	1 course (3 units)
	Humanities	1 course (3 units)
4 - Social and Behavioral Sciences	Social and Behavioral Sciences (2 Different Disciplines)	2 courses (6 units)
5 - Physical and Biological Sciences	Physical Science	1 course (3 units)
	Biological Science	1 course (3 units)
	Laboratory (for Phys/Bio course)	(1 unit)
6 - Ethnic Studies	Ethnic Studies	1 course (3 units)
		11 courses (34 units)

COMPARISON OF GENERAL EDUCATION PATTERNS

Area	Cal-GETC Pathway	CCC Associate Degree GE Pathway	Bakersfield College Local General Education Pattern
1	English Composition (3/4) Critical Thinking and Composition (3/4) Oral Communication (3/4)	English Composition (3/4) Oral Communication or Critical Thinking (3/4)	English Communication (3) - Currently written communication Oral Communication or Critical Thinking (3) - Currently only oral communication
2	Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (3/4) <i>Transfer Level</i>	Mathematical Concepts or Quantitative Reasoning (3/4) <i>Transfer or College Level</i>	Mathematics or Quantitative Reasoning (3) - Currently also Critical Thinking or Logic <i>Transfer or College Level</i>
3	Arts (3/4) Humanities (3/4)	Arts and Humanities (3/4)	Arts and Humanities (3)
4	Social and Behavioral Sciences (6/8)	Social and Behavioral Sciences (3/4)	Social and Behavioral Sciences (3)
5	Physical Science (3/4) Biological Science (3/4) Laboratory (for Phys/Bio Science) (1/1)	Natural Sciences (3/4)	Natural Sciences (3)
6	<i>Ethnic Studies (3/4)</i>	<i>Ethnic Studies</i>	Ethnic Studies (3) - Currently a Multicultural graduation requirement
			Lifelong Learning and Understanding (3)
			Kinesiology movement-based (1)
			American (US) Institutions (3)
Total	11 courses (34 semester units)	7 courses (21 semester units)	10 Courses (28 semester units)

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS

