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**BETH STEFFEL, CHAIR
VIRGINIA MAY, IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR
INTERSEGMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATES (ICAS)**

Re: UC Assembly Amendments to Senate Regulation 479 (Cal-GETC)

Dear Chair Steffel and Immediate Past Chair May:

At its June 8, 2023 meeting, the Assembly of the UC Academic Senate voted to amend [UC Senate Regulation 479](#) addressing the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) so that it aligns with the final version of the Cal-GETC Standards governed by the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS).

These revisions are technical updates to the Cal-GETC approved by the Assembly in December 2022.¹ They clarify the general education transfer curriculum requirements for California Community College students planning for transfer admission to UC and CSU. Notably, the amendments drop the requirement that the Area 1C: Oral Communication course must be preceded by completion of the required Area 1A: English Composition course after a review of student progress at the community colleges suggested that this sequence did not improve student outcomes and that removing it would simplify student progress. The amendments also remove references to partial Cal-GETC certifications and Cal-GETC for STEM certifications to reflect that neither are allowable under Assembly Bill 928.

We look forward to continued work with you and ICAS on additional issues of common concern that promote student access and success in the three systems of California public higher education.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Cochran, Chair

¹ <https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/files/reports/uc-assembly-approval-cal-getc.pdf>

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Regulations of the UC Academic Senate

Part II. Admission

Chapter 4. Admission to Advanced Standing

Article 1. General Provisions

479. Students who begin at a California Community College in fall 2025 or later and are planning for admission to the University by transfer can fulfill the lower-division Breadth and General Education (B/GE) requirements by completion of the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) or by fulfilling the specific requirements of the college or school to which the student will apply.

A. Cal-GETC Course and Unit Requirements

All courses used in satisfying Cal-GETC must be accepted for baccalaureate credit at the University and be of at least 3 semester units or 4 quarter units. The laboratory portion of science courses must be of at least 1 unit. English and mathematics/statistics courses that are 2 semester units or 3 quarter units can satisfy the Area 1A: English Composition requirement or the Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning requirement, respectively, if they are part of a sequence. All courses that are part of such a sequence must be completed to satisfy Cal-GETC.

B. Cal-GETC Subject Requirements

The minimum number of courses and units in each of the following six subject areas constitute the California General Education Transfer Curriculum:

1. Subject Area 1 - English Communication. 3 courses: 9 semester or 12 quarter units. One course must be in Area 1A: English Composition; one course must be in Area 1B: Critical Thinking and Composition; one course must be in Area 1C: Oral Communication. The Area 1B course must have English 1A or its equivalent as a prerequisite. Courses designed exclusively for the satisfaction of composition at lower than the college level cannot be counted toward fulfillment of the English Composition requirement.
2. Subject Area 2 - Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning. 1 course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units. This course should be in mathematics, statistics, or other quantitative disciplines (e.g., applied statistics, data science). Course will have its primary purpose and content focused on mathematics and quantitative reasoning.
3. Subject Area 3 - Arts and Humanities. 2 courses: 6 semester or 8 quarter units. One of the courses must be completed in Area 3A: Arts and one of the courses must be completed in Area 3B: Humanities. Courses that are primarily focused on technique, skills, or performance, with little emphasis on the integration of history, theory, aesthetics, and criticism, cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
4. Subject Area 4 - Social and Behavioral Sciences. 2 courses: 6 semester or 8 quarter units. Courses must be from two academic disciplines or an interdisciplinary sequence.

5. Subject Area 5 - Physical and Biological Sciences. 2 courses: 7 semester or 9 quarter units. One course must be in Area 5A: Physical Science, the other in Area 5B: Biological Science, and at least one of these two courses must include a laboratory (Area 5C: Laboratory).
6. Subject Area 6 - Ethnic Studies. 1 course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units. This course must be in ethnic studies or in a similar field provided that the course is cross-listed with ethnic studies.

C. Scholarship Requirements

Only courses in which a grade of C or better has been attained can be used for fulfillment of Cal-GETC. Credit by external exams may satisfy portions of Cal-GETC pattern of courses upon approval of the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools.

D. University Policy for Cal-GETC

1. Students who have completed courses fulfilling Cal-GETC requirements should have their coursework certified by the last California Community College they attended for a regular term prior to transfer.
2. If Cal-GETC requirements are not fully satisfied prior to transfer, the student will be subject to the regulations regarding lower division B/GE requirements of the school or college of the campus to which the student transfers, with the following exception: A transfer student accepted into a college or school that recognizes Cal-GETC as satisfying the B/GE requirements may complete a maximum of two courses of Cal-GETC pattern after transfer if all other conditions in Section 479.B are met. Neither of the courses to be completed after transfer may be in English Communication (Area 1) or Mathematical Concepts, or Quantitative Reasoning (Area 2).
3. Consistent with SR 414, each college or school retains the right to accept or not accept Cal-GETC as satisfactory completion of its lower division B/GE requirements.