

**America's**  
*got* **GE**



# *GE Icebreaker*

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Please tell us your name,  
department, AND the GE  
course (not from your  
major) that was your  
favorite in college!

# ***Current Local GE Pattern***

## **LR: Language and Rationality (6 units)**

Complete two courses:

- English Composition
- Communication and Analytical Thinking

## **NS: Natural Sciences (3 units)**

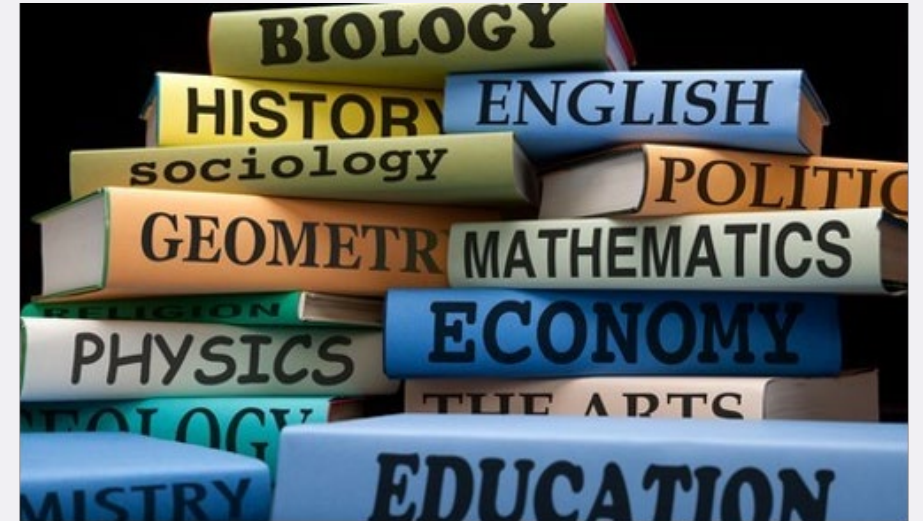
## **AH: Arts and Humanities (3 units)**

## **SB: Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 units)**

## **EM: Ethnic/Multicultural Studies (3 units)**

Total: 18 Units

Catalog ends this year: 2024-2025



# ***GE Changes!***

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- Title 5 Changes
- Changes between current and local GE Patterns
- CalGETC Changes



# *Title 5 Changes (Local Degree GE Patterns)*

Title 5 55061

**21 semester units' minimum (begins 2025 academic year)**

1A = English Composition; 1 course

1B = Oral Communication and Critical Thinking; 1 course

2 = Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning; 1 course

3 = Arts and Humanities; 1 course

4 = Social and Behavioral Sciences; 1 course

5 = Natural Sciences; 1 course

6 = Ethnic Studies; 1 course



# *Changes between Current and New Local GE Patterns*

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1. EM (Ethnic and Multicultural Studies Box): This is replaced with just an Ethnic Studies box (causing a shift to multicultural courses or other diverse perspective classes that are not considered Ethnic Studies)
2. Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning is its own GE box.
3. Hence, the increase from 18-units to 21-units is caused by math having its own GE requirement.

# ***Ethnic and Multicultural Studies Courses Impacted***

**ADJUS**-160;

**CHDEV**-050;

**DRAMA**-015, 030;

**ENGL**-110, 120, 121, 127, 128, 129, 133, 135, 136;

**ETHN**-045, 101, 102, 103, 110, 120, 121;

**HIST**-037, 047, 052, 054, 055, 056, 057, 060, 061, 062, 066;

**SJS**-110, 135, 136, 150;

**SPCH**-150;

## ***Other Elective Local GE Courses to Consider***



**COUNS**-035, 036, 038

*Military transcripts will clear CSU-GE Area E.*

**KINES**-100, 203, 210



# *CalGETC Changes*

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the singular general education pathway for California Community College (CCC) students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements necessary for **transfer** and admission to both the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC).

## **34 semester units' minimum.**

1A = English Composition; 1 course

1B = Critical Thinking and Composition; 1 course

1C = Oral Communication; 1 course

2 = Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning; 1 course

3 = Arts and Humanities; 2 courses, one in each area

4 = Social & Behavioral Sciences; 2 courses from different disciplines

5 = Physical and Biological Sciences; 2 courses (one with lab)

6 = Ethnic Studies; 1 course

# *Importance of General Education for Students*

- Exposure to a breadth of courses and ideas
- Knowledge and skill attainment in a breadth of topics
- Transferable and foundational skills
- Critical thinking
- Written and oral communication
- Methods of inquiry
- Cultural understanding and appreciation
- Foundations for civic participation
- Exposure to new courses, topics, and ideas



# *Benefits of Life-long Learning*

- Curiosity
- Intellectual stimulation
- Knowledge and skill development
- Self-awareness and self-advocacy
- Mental health and wellness
- Physical health and wellness



# *Suggestions for Displaced EM Courses*

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- Include in local GE requirements
- Include as local graduation requirement
- Remember: applies to local degrees only, not ADTs
- Advocate for use of elective units
- Utilize noncredit courses
- Promote lifelong learning courses and opportunities
- Analyze and promote efficacy of lifelong learning and self-development courses

# *Other Community College Districts*

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- LACCD (Los Angeles Community College District): Local GE pattern is 27 units.
  - They opted to maintain Lifelong Learning and American Institutions.
- LRCCD (Los Rios Community College District): Local GE pattern is 24 units.
  - They opted to keep their Living Skills category.
- Many Community College Districts are aligning their local GE to maintain values and highlight courses that are being left behind by CalGETC (common transfer pattern).

# *Diverse Perspectives*



The GE committee proposes an option for local GE requirements: Diverse Perspectives (24-unit minimum for local GE)

- Maintains our diverse perspectives, which the college implemented in the 1990's.
- Allows/encourages disciplines to place multicultural and diverse courses in this box (such as our LGBTQ+ courses).
- Will not increase total units for degrees as most LMC local degrees have GE electives that these 3-units will use.

# *Los Medanos College: Mission and Values*

Mission Statement: Los Medanos College provides our community with equitable access to educational opportunities and support services that empower students to achieve their academic and career goals in a diverse and inclusive learning environment.

Diversity Value: We believe deeply in the important role of DIVERSITY in the success of our students and institution. We recognize that our highest potential – individually and collectively – can only be achieved when we: embrace and celebrate the diversity in our student body and community; hire, support, and retain a diverse and highly-qualified workforce; provide a wide array of diverse course offerings, academic programs, and support services; ensure that diverse perspectives and culturally-responsive practices are reflected in our curricula and learning environments; and advocate for racial and social justice for all.

# *Open Discussion*

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Questions/comments/feedback.

What do you think about local GE?

What would you like to see maintained at LMC?

