

Napa Valley College

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) REQUIREMENTS

Effective FALL 2015 through SUMMER 2016

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Napa Valley College students have the opportunity to complete all of their lower division CSU-GE requirements for the BA/BS Degree prior to transferring to any of the 23 California State Universities. The General Education Requirements for the California State University (CSU) system specifies courses within subject areas which will satisfy the 39 lower division GE requirements for any campus of the California State University system. Completion of CSU GE is not required before transfer but it is highly recommended for most students. Completion of at least 30 of the 39 lower division GE and Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4 requirements is necessary to transfer to a CSU with upper division standing. To be eligible for admission, students must also have a total of 60 CSU transferable units with a GPA of 2.0.

For some students, in high unit majors such as sciences and engineering, completing the pre-major course requirements will be a priority over completing GE requirements. Napa Valley College courses with a number designation of 100 through 299 are transferable to all CSU campuses, but only a select group of these courses qualify for CSU GE.

Students pursuing an AS-T or AA-T degree must complete the entire CSU-GE by meeting all requirements in the five GE Areas A through E. The *U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals* is not required but highly recommended.

By following the pattern of CSU General Education (GE) requirements, the student will be eligible for:

1. **Certificate of Achievement in CSU General Education:** All requirements have to be completed in all five GE Areas A through E. Students must meet with a Counselor/Specialist to complete this petition before the 9th week of the semester. Completion of this local NVC Certificate of Achievement will be noted on the final transcript and allows students to participate in the annual graduation ceremony.
2. **Certification** of CSU General Education Breadth Requirements. Students must request CSU-GE certification when requesting final transcripts to be sent from NVC to the CSU transfer school. File your request online with the Napa Valley College Admissions and Records office. Students may qualify for either full certification or partial subject-area certification.

Full CSU-GE Certification: All requirements must be completed in all five CSU-GE Areas A through E. Obtaining full certification means a student will not have to complete additional lower division GE requirements that may be required at that CSU school. *The U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals* is **not** a part of CSU-GE Certification, however the courses that comprise this requirement can be double-counted in Area D.

Partial CSU-GE Certification: Partial CSU-GE Certification is granted when all courses in one or more subject areas of CSU-GE have been completed. A student who transfers to a CSU with partial GE Certification will not have to complete GE requirements in that same GE Area upon transfer. If a student has not fully completed the requirements of an area, that area may not be certified.

Courses taken at CSU campuses or other California Community Colleges will be applied to the subject areas in which they were listed by the school where the course was taken. All CSU campuses allow applicants who submit full or partial certifications to double count courses for general education and major requirements, but most campuses have limitations. Consult a Counselor for details.

Note: Courses may be listed in more than one area, but shall not be counted in more than one area. A grade of "C" or higher is required for courses taken in Areas A1, A2, A3, and B4.	Met	Need
AREA A: ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING (A minimum of 9 units is required). Select one course each from A1, A2, and A3.	A1	
A1. Oral Communication (Grade of "C" or higher required.) Speech Communication 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130		
A2. Written Communication (Grade of "C" or higher required.) English 120	A2	
A3. Critical Thinking (Grade of "C" or higher required.) English 123, 125; Philosophy 120, 121, 126, 131 Speech Communication 128	A3	
AREA B: SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (A minimum of 9 units is required) Select 2 courses, one course from Area B1 and one course from Area B2, with at least one approved laboratory course. In addition, select one Mathematics course from Area B4.	B1	
B1. Physical Sciences (3 units minimum) Astronomy 110, 111 Chemistry <u>110</u> , <u>111</u> , <u>120</u> , <u>121</u> , <u>240</u> , <u>241</u> Earth Science <u>110</u> Geography 110 Geology 110, <u>111</u> Physics 110, <u>111</u> , <u>120</u> , <u>121</u> , <u>140</u> , <u>240</u> , <u>241</u>	B2	
B2. Life Sciences (3 units minimum) Anthropology 120, <u>120L</u> (<i>must be taken together</i>) Biology <u>105</u> , <u>110</u> , 112, 117, <u>120</u> , <u>218</u> , <u>219</u> , <u>220</u> , <u>240</u> , <u>241</u>	B3 lab	
B3. Laboratory Science Requirement Any <u>underlined</u> course from B1 or B2 satisfies this requirement. Lab course must be associated with course taken to satisfy B1/B2.	B4	
B4. Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (Grade of "C" or higher required. 3 units minimum) Mathematics 106, 108, 115, 120, 121, 130, 220, 221, 222, 232, 235; Technology 107		

