



GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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LOWER-DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION

Select one course from each row.

Area	Attribute	Topic	Units	Courses
A. Basic Skills	A1	Oral Communication	3	GEO 102
	A2	Written Communication	3	GEW 101B*
	A3	Critical Thinking	3	AIS 115; GEW 101A; LING 101; LTWR 115; MATH 110; PHIL 110; PSYC 110
B. Mathematics and Natural Sciences <small>Only one lab (B3) is required for general education.</small>	B1	Physical Science	3	B1 courses intended for non-science majors: CHEM 101*, 105*, 117; GEOG 110, 210; GES 100, 101 (includes lab), 105 B1 courses intended for science majors: CHEM 150*; PHYS 101*, 201*
	B2	Life Science	3	B2 courses intended for non-science majors: ANTH 240; GES 102 (includes lab), 103 B2 courses intended for science majors: BIOL 104, 105, 211* B2 courses intended for Kinesiology and Nursing majors: BIOL 175*, 177*
	B3	Laboratory	0-1	BIOL 104*, 175*, 177*, 211*; CHEM 105L*, 150L*, 117; GEOG 110L; GES 101, 102, 110 (lab only); PHYS 101*, 201*
	B4	Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning	3-5	CS 105*, 110*, 111*; MATH 100*, 101*, 105*, 115*, 125*, 126*, 132*, 150*, 160*, 200*, 212*
C. Arts and Humanities^l <small>Area C courses must be selected from 3 different disciplines.</small>	C1	Arts	3	AH 111 [^] ; AMD 100, 101, 102, 103, 120, 121, 122, 123, 251; DNCE 101, 124, 200; FMST 100; LTWR 225; MUSC 120, 250; TA 101, 120, 181, 222; VPA 101
	C2	Humanities	3	AH 111 [^] ; AIS 220, 230, 235, 250, 270, 280; HIST 101, 102; LTWR 100, 103, 105, 107, 203, 206, 208B, 210, 211; MLAN 115, 116; PHIL 101; WGSS 201, 205, 211
	C3 ^l	Language other than English ^l	3	CSUSM offers Arabic, French, German and Spanish.
D. Social Sciences	Dh	U.S. History	3	HIST 130, 131
	Dc, Dg	U.S. Constitution and California Government	3	AIS 150; PSCI 100; (Dg only: GEOG 341; HIST 347; PSCI 415)
E. Lifelong Learning	E	Lifelong Learning and Information Literacy	3	GEL 101 ⁺ , 110, 120; CHEM 312; ESM 111; ESW 120; HSCI 200; KINE 306, 310; NURS 210*, 211*; PE 203; PSYC 104; SOC 204, 303, 307, 309, 315, 317
F. Ethnic Studies	F	Ethnic Studies	3	AIS 101, 110, 120, 130, 225, 260, 265, 290; ETST 101, 220, 221, 222, 226, 250, 252, 301, 310

*prerequisite; [^]AH 111 can be taken for C1 or C2 credit, but not both; ⁺GEL 101 is only available to first-year students;

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UPPER-DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION

Students must complete GE Area A1, A2, A3 and B4 courses prior to enrolling in an Upper-division GE course. Upper-division GE courses should be taken *after* you have completed 60 units. Select one course from each row.

Upper-division Mathematics/ Natural Sciences	BB	3	Check your Degree Planner for current BB certified courses.
Upper-division Arts/Humanities	CC	3	Check your Degree Planner for current CC certified courses.
Upper-division Social Sciences	DD	3	Check your Degree Planner for current DD certified courses.

DIVERSITY AND EQUITY REQUIREMENT

Students must satisfy two Diversity and Equity (DE) requirements by taking one course certified for Diversity and Equity in the United States (DEu) and one course certified for Diversity and Equity in Global Contexts (DEg). DE certified courses can also count with other GE, major, minor and/or elective courses. **To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that students meet the DE courses within Upper-division GE.**

Diversity & Equity: U.S. Context (DEu) – choose 1 DEu course	
DEu:	ENVS 301, 340; HD 382; HIST 300-20, 332; KINE 404; LING 300; LTWR 450; MGMT 474; MUSC 320; NURS 352; PSYC 341; WGSS 424
DEu courses that also meet GE Area BB:	CS 302
DEu courses that also meet GE Area CC:	AIS 410; AMD 323; HIST 341, 343; LTWR 302-3; TA 300, 325, 328; WGSS 450
DEu courses that also meet GE Area DD:	AIS 315, 348, 360, 400, 440, 468, 470; ANTH 379; EDUC 364; ID 340; LBST 300; LING 341, 371, 381; PSCI 413A; SLP 364; SOC 323; SSCI 301, 375; WGSS 303, 328, 345, 347, 375, 380, 407
Diversity & Equity: Global Context (DEg) – choose 1 DEg course	
DEg:	ETST 420-1; GBST 374; HD 386; LTWR 360; MGMT 461; PH 464; PSCI 374; WGSS 300-3, 304, 369, 374
DEg courses that also meet GE Area CC:	AIS 450; AMD 368; DNCE 303; LTWR 355; MLAN 390-1, 392; MUSC 323; PHIL 332, 340, 345, 348; WGSS 301, 392
DEg courses that also meet GE Area DD:	AIS 350, 370, 420; ANTH 340; BUS 305; ECON 445; GBST 300; HIST 389; LING 355; PSCI 341, 445; SSCI 380; WGSS 300-1, 300-2, 302, 350, 351, 405, 416, 445

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