



CSU GENERAL EDUCATION & UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

(For Students Entering CSUSM in Fall 2026 or Spring 2027)

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LOWER-DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION (34 UNITS)

Subject Area	Attribute	Topic	Min Units	Courses
1. English Communication	1A	English Composition	3	GEW 101B*
	1B	Critical Thinking	3	AIS 115; LING 101; LTWR 115; MATH 110; PHIL 110; PSYC 110
	1C	Oral Communication	3	GEO 102
2. Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	2	Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	3	CS 105*, 110*, 111*; MATH 100*, 101*, 103, 105*, 113, 115*, 125*, 126*, 132*, 150*, 160*, 200*, 212*
3. Arts and Humanities	3A	Arts	3	AH 111 [^] ; AMD 100, 101, 102, 103, 120, 121, 122, 123, 251; DNCE 101, 124, 200, 204; FMST 100; LTWR 225; MUSC 120, 250; TA 101, 120, 181, 222; VPA 101
	3B	Humanities	3	AH 111 [^] ; AIS 220, 230, 235, 250, 270, 280; HIST 101, 102; LTWR 100, 103, 105, 107, 203, 206, 211; MLAN 115, 116, 203-1; PHIL 101; WGSS 201, 205
4. Social and Behavioral Sciences (Courses must be from 2 different disciplines.)	4H	US History	3	HIST 130, 131
	4C/4G	US Constitution and California Government ^{4G}	3	AIS 150; PSCI 100
5. Physical and Biological Sciences (Students must take a total of 7 units in Area 5, including 1 unit in a Laboratory. The Laboratory (5C) may be imbedded in a 5A or 5B course. Only 1 lab is required.)	5A	Physical Science (5A only: no Lab)	3	CHEM 101*; ES 100; GEOG 110, 210; GES 100, 105
		Physical Science (5A+5C: includes Lab)	4	5A+5C courses intended for non-science majors: GES 101; CHEM 117 5A+5C courses intended for science/health majors: CHEM 105 +105L*, 150 + 150L*; PHYS 101*, 201*
	5B	Biological Science (5B only: no Lab)	3	ANTH 240; BIOL 105; GES 103
		Biological Science (5B+5C: includes Lab)	4	5B+5C courses intended for non-science majors: GES 102 5B+5C courses intended for science/health majors: BIOL 104, 175*, 177*, 211*; KINE 181*
	5C	Laboratory (5C only)	1	GEOG 110L; GES 110
6. Ethnic Studies	6	Ethnic Studies	3	AIS 101, 110, 120, 125, 130, 160, 225, 260, 265, 290; ETST 101, 220, 221, 222, 226, 250, 252, 301, 310

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FIRST YEAR SEMINAR (2 UNITS)

The 2-unit First-Year Seminar is required for most first-year students entering CSUSM.

You are not required to complete the First-Year Seminar if you are a transfer student entering with 30 or more transferable college units completed before admission, returning to CSUSM to complete a second bachelor's degree, or declared in one of the following majors: Computer Engineering, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Liberal Studies, Nursing, Software Engineering.

First Year Seminar (FYS) – choose 1 FYS course

FYS Certified Courses:	UNIV 101B
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UPPER-DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION (UDGE) (9 UNITS)

Students must complete GE Subject Areas 1 and 2 prior to enrolling in UUDGE courses. UUDGE courses should be taken *after* 60 units have been completed.

Subject Area	Attribute	Units	Courses
Upper-division Physical/Biological Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning	UD25	3	Check your Degree Planner for current UD25 certified courses.
Upper-division Arts/Humanities	UD3	3	Check your Degree Planner for current UD3 certified courses.
Upper-division Social/Behavioral Sciences	UD4	3	Check your Degree Planner for current UD4 certified courses.

CSUSM 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 and one course certified for Diversity and Equity in Global Contexts. DE certified courses can also count with other GE, major, minor, or elective courses. **To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended students choose DE courses that also double count with Upper-division GE.**

Diversity & Equity: U.S. Context (DEu) – choose 1 DEu course

DEu Certified Courses:	AIS 315, 348, 360, 400, 410, 440, 468, 470; AMD 323; ANTH 328, 379; CS 302; EDUC 364; ENVS 301, 340; HD 382; HIST 332, 341, 343; ID 340; KINE 404; LBST 300; LING 300, 341, 371, 381; LTWR 351, 450; MGMT 474; MUSC 320; NURS 352; PHIL 352; PSCI 413A; PSYC 341; SLP 364; SOC 311, 323; SSCI 300, 301, 325, 375; TA 300, 325, 328, 410; WGSS 303, 328, 345, 347, 375, 380, 407, 424, 450
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Diversity & Equity: Global Context (DEg) – choose 1 DEg course

DEg Certified Courses:	AIS 350, 370, 420, 450; AMD 368; ANTH 330, 340; BUS 305; DNCE 303, 321; ECON 445; GBST 300, 301, 374; HD 386; HIST 386, 389; LING 355; LTWR 355, 360; MGMT 461; MLAN 391, 392; MUSC 323; PH 464; PHIL 332, 340, 345, 348; PSCI 331, 341, 361, 374, 445, 465; SLP 431; SSCI 380; WGSS 301, 302, 304, 350, 351, 355, 369, 370, 392, 405, 416
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