General Education Courses

By Category

This is a list of courses that will count towards your General Education (GE) requirements if you take them this semester. Use the List of Classes, starting on page LC-1, to choose specific classes from each category.

All students:
Go to Know Your General Education Requirements on page 41 and the category headings in the following lists to find out which courses you need to take.

Freshmen:
You must complete the Foundation requirements within the first 36 baccalaureate units at CSULB (see page 42). These courses are a prerequisite to all GE courses at the 200 or higher level.

You may use either an Explorations course or a Capstone course to meet a category requirement. You may use the same course to meet both a category requirement and the Human Diversity or Global Issues requirement.

Transfer students:
If you are GE certified, you can choose Capstone courses from any category. One of the Capstone courses can be used to meet the Human Diversity requirement (●). If you still need to meet the Global Issues requirement, choose one course designated (●).

(●) Courses that meet the Human Diversity requirement (catalog years 1993-1994 and later)
(▲) Courses that meet the Capstone requirement (catalog years 1999-2000 and later)
(●) Courses that meet the Global Issues requirement (catalog years 1999-2000 and later)

Apply each GE class you take to one category only, even when the course is listed under more than one category.

Note:
UNIV 300I and 301I are approved General Education courses. Specific GE categories were not known at the time of publication. See List of Classes, page LC-81.

REMEMBER . . .
A class will count towards your general education requirement only if it appears in the list of General Education Courses in the Schedule of Classes for the semester in which you take that class.

Category A:
Communication in the English Language and Critical Thinking

Complete 9 units:
1. Complete one of the following courses in written English:
   - Asian American Studies 100
   - Black Studies 100
   - Chicano & Latino Studies 104
   - English 100

2. Complete one of the following courses in oral or oral and written communication.
   Purpose: to enhance your understanding of the communication process and to increase your experience in communication.
   - Communication Studies 110, 130, 132, 171, 331, 335, 441I▲

3. Complete one of the following courses in critical thinking.
   Purpose: to develop your ability to reason clearly and logically and to analyze the thinking of other people.
   - Asian Studies 190
   - Black Studies 150
   - Communication Studies 131
   - Comparative World Literature 161
   - Computer Engineering and Computer Science 100
   - English 102
   - History 101
   - Philosophy 170
   - Political Science 105
   - Psychology 130
   - University Honors Program 100
Category B: Physical Universe

Complete 12 units:

1. Complete at least 6 units of inquiry into the physical universe and its life forms:
   a) Complete one of the following courses in the life sciences with laboratory:
      Biology 153, 200, 200L, 205, 207, 211A, 211C
      Microbiology 200
   b) Complete one of the following courses in the physical sciences with laboratory:
      Astronomy 100 with 100L
      Chemistry 100, 111A, 302
      Geology 102 with 104 or 105, 160 with 160L
      Physical Science 112
      Physics 100A, 100B, 151, 152

2. Complete at least 3 units from the following courses in mathematics.
   Purpose: to move beyond basic computation and enhance your understanding of mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning.
   Mathematics 103, 112, 114, 115, 117, 119A, 122, 123, 180
   Mathematics Education 110

3. Complete another 3 units from B1, B2, or from the following:
   Anthropology 110
   Astronomy 100, 370L
   Biology 100
   Computer Engineering and Computer Science 202
   Engineering 302L, 340L, 370L
   Geography 140
   Geology 102, 160, 163, 190, 191, 300L
   History 400L
   Microbiology 101, 300L
   Natural Sciences 309L, 375L
   Physical Science 331
   Psychology 141
   Women's Studies 309L

Category C: Humanities and the Arts

Complete 12 units:

1. Complete at least 3 units from the following fine arts courses:
   Art 110
   Art History 111A, 111B, 113A, 113B
   Asian American Studies 403L
   Black Studies 155, 160, 255, 363
   Chicano Latino Studies 403L
   Comparative World Literature 250, 251, 324L, 412L
   Dance 101, 102, 103, 104, 110, 373L, 435L
   Design 367, 368, 370
   Educational Psychology 373L
   English 205, 206
   Film and Electronic Arts 310
   Music 190, 290, 363L, 364L, 393L, 468L, 490L
   Theatre Arts 113, 122, 324L, 425L, 427L

2. Complete at least 6 units from at least two of the following areas: Literature, Philosophy, and Foreign Languages.
   a) Literature
      American Indian Studies 340
      Asian American Studies 260
      Black Studies 140, 205, 343A, 343B, 346L, 415L
      Chicano & Latino Studies 150, 450L
      Chinese 370
      Classics 100, 101, 135, 201, 202, 300L, 410L, 421L
      German 415, 416
      History 310L, 312L, 346L, 407L, 414L
      Japanese 370
      Journalism 315
      Religious Studies 302L
      Romance, German, Russian Languages & Literature 346L, 450L
      Women's Studies 318L, 382
b) Philosophy
Asian American Studies 380
Black Studies 498IA
Classics 300IA, 410IA
College of Business Administration 400IA
History 371
Philosophy 100, 100W, 160, 160W, 203, 204, 306, 307, 330, 351, 352IA, 361, 362IA, 381, 400IA, 401IA, 403IA, 405IA, 451IA, 452IA, 461IA, 482IA
Psychology 382IA
Religious Studies 212, 230, 240, 301, 302IA, 306, 331IA, 337, 338IA, 341IA, 343, 344, 351, 352IA, 353IA, 383IA, 391IA, 467IA, 472IA, 482IA, 485IA

3. Complete another 3 units from C1, C2, or from the following:
American Studies 350IA
Asian Studies 300IA, 393IA, 495IA
Black Studies 353IA
Communication Studies 300, 442IA
Comparative World Literature 124IA, 451IA
English 318IA
Film and Electronic Arts 318IA, 486IA
German 380IA
History 303IA, 313, 404IA
Religious Studies 100, 103, 202, 210, 311, 312IA, 322, 362IA, 375, 376IA, 425IA, 471IA
Russian 310, 410IA
Women’s Studies 365IA

Category D:
Social and Behavioral Sciences and Their Historical Backgrounds

Complete 15 units:
1. Citizenship
   a) Complete 3 units from the following courses in U.S. History:
      History 172, 173, 300
   b) Complete 3 units from the following courses in U.S. Constitution and American Ideals:
      Political Science 100, 391
      (Political Science 326 - State Government - required of all students who have met the U.S. Constitution requirement but who must meet the California State and Local Government requirement)

2. Additional Social and Behavioral Sciences
   Complete at least 9 units from the following courses in at least two disciplines.
   Students under the 1985 and 1993 GE patterns must complete at least 3 units from the following courses designated as a Global Issues course (G). All courses with a G in this category meet the category D.2.a. requirement for students following the 1985 and 1993 GE patterns.
   American Indian Studies 101, 105, 106, 319
   Anthropology 120IA, 140, 170, 305IA, 307IA, 311IA, 313, 314IA, 329IA, 412IA, 426IA
   Asian American Studies 200IA, 220IA, 219IA, 335IA
   Asian Studies 300IA, 301IA, 310IA, 393IA, 495IA
   Black Studies 110IA, 120IA, 121IA, 154IA, 200IA, 201IA, 304IA, 319IA, 332IA, 337IA, 400IA, 430IA
   Chicano & Latino Studies 100IA, 101IA, 105IA, 300IA, 319IA, 335IA, 350IA, 390IA, 450IA, 470IA
   Child Development & Family Studies 312IA, 319IA
   Classics 110IA
   College of Business Administration 400IA
   College of Liberal Arts 230IA, 314IAIA, 315IA
   Comparative World Literature 310IA, 321IA, 414IA
   Consumer Affairs 228IA, 309IA, 321IA
   Counseling 360A
   Criminal Justice 101
   Dance 373IA
   Economics 100IA, 101IA, 300IA, 306IA, 309IA, 360IA, 361IA
   Educational Psychology 373IA
   Engineering 302IA, 375IA
   Environmental Science & Policy 300IA
For Students Following the 1985 and 1993 GE Patterns

Your GE pattern requires that you take a course from Category D.2.a. There are two ways to identify courses that meet that requirement:

- Look for courses under Category D2 in the General Education Courses By Category reference list that have (●).
- Look for classes with a D2 Global designation in the List of Classes, LC-1 - LC-83.