GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

A candidate for a bachelor's degree at California State College, Long Beach must complete a minimum general education requirement of 40 semester units. The student must complete no less than six units in each of the categories I to IV and no less than a total of 32 units in categories I to V. In categories I to IV, no more than 9 units in the category in which the student's major is listed may be used to satisfy general education requirements. No courses in the student's major department may be used to satisfy the 40 units of general education with the exception of those in category V. Satisfactory completion of the Honors Program automatically satisfies the General Education requirement completely with the exception of category V.

I. NATURAL SCIENCE--Two or more courses (totaling six or more units) in the departments of Biology (which includes anatomy and physiology, biology, botany, entomology, and zoology); chemistry; geology; microbiology; or physics (which includes astronomy and physical science). At least one laboratory science course must be included.

II. SOCIAL SCIENCES--Two or more courses (totaling six or more units) in the departments of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, or sociology, exclusive of any courses chosen to satisfy the requirements of U.S. History, Government and Constitution, included in category V.

III. HUMANITIES--Two or more courses (totaling six or more units). One of these must be either a philosophy course (offered by the Department of Philosophy), or a literature course offered by one of the following departments: English, Comparative Literature, or Foreign Languages.

A second course in this category must be an appropriate course in one of the following departments: Art, Music, or Theatre Arts. (The departments named will decide which of their courses are appropriate.)

IV. BASIC COMMUNICATION--Two or more courses (totaling six or more units) in English composition, foreign language (other than literature courses), journalism, mathematics, radio-TV, speech, or statistics, exclusive of any course chosen to satisfy the English composition requirement included in Category V.

V. SPECIAL SUBJECTS--One course in United States history; one course in United States government and Constitution (Political Science Department); and one course in English Composition. The student has the option of receiving credit by examination; departments will make such examinations available. A student who fails any such examination has the option of repeating the examination without penalty, or taking the course(s) which satisfy the requirement. A student who has met any of these requirements prior to enrollment at California State College, Long Beach, is exempt. Unit credit (to be included in the 40-unit general education requirement total and in the total number of units required for graduation, but not in the student's grade point average) shall be granted for satisfactory completion of examination in these subjects. Credit by examination, however, is subject to conditions specified in the General Bulletin.

VI. OPTIONAL ELECTIVES--A maximum of 8 units may be selected from courses offered by any departments other than those in the School of the student's major. However, units in health education and physical education may be elected under this option by all students except health education and physical education majors.