

Plan B: Advisement Sheet

CSU General Education-Breadth Courses • Fall 2024–Summer 2025

AREA A—English Language Communication & Critical Thinking

Three courses and a minimum of 9 semester units are required. Select **one** course from each group below.

A1.* Oral Communication:	C	IP	N
COMM 101, 106, 207			
A2.* Written Communication:	C	IP	N
ENGL 100/100H			
A3.* Critical Thinking:	C	IP	N
COMM 190, 212; ENGL 201/201H, 202/202H; PHIL 100, 110/110H; PSYC 105; READ 100			

AREA B—Scientific Inquiry & Quantitative Reasoning

Three courses and a minimum of 9 semester units are required. Select **one** course from each group below. One course **must** include a corresponding laboratory from group B1 or B2. (Lab courses are highlighted.)

B1. Physical Science:	C	IP	N
ASTR 101, 101L, 120; CHEM 103, 103L, 112, 115/115H, 116, 140, 150/150H, 151/151H; EART 106/106H; GEOG 101, 101L, 101L; GEOL 101/101H, 101L; NUTR 120; OCEA 101/101H, 101L; PHSN 106, 108/108H; PHYS 111/111H, 112/112H, 151/151H, 152/152H, 253/253H			
B2. Life Science:	C	IP	N
ANTH 101/101H, 101L/101LH, 105/105H, 190; BIO 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, 108/108L, 110, 111, 111L, 202, 204/204H, 220, 230 (F14); BTEC 108/108H; HORT 115 (F16), 116; NUTR 100 (F16)/100H; PSYC 260			
B3. Laboratory Activity:	C	IP	N
This requirement may be met by the completion of any lab course above in B1 or B2. (Lab courses are highlighted.)			
B4.* Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning:	C	IP	N
A minimum of 3 semester units is required. BTEC 180/180H; BUS 147 (F18), 204/204H; CSIT 123; MATH 102, 103/103H/103S (F22), 105, 106, 112, 115, 126/126S, 131/131H, 135, 150/150H/150S, 155/155H, 260/260H; PSYC 104/104H; SOC 104/104H, 125			

AREA C—Arts & Humanities

Select **one** course from C1 and **one** course from C2. Select a **third** course from either C1 or C2. A minimum of 9 semester units is required.

C1. Arts:	C	IP	N
ART 100, 101, 103, 104, 157, 158, 159/159H, 201, 234, 244 (F14), 254, 258, 259, 260/260H, 290			
COMM 111			
DESN 107, 108			
DNCE 100/100H, 101/101H, 105/105H			
DRAM 105, 130, 134, 222			
FILM 101 (F10)/101H, 106, 111/111H (F19), 112/112H (F19)			
MAT 105			
MUS 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 119/119H			
C2. Humanities:	C	IP	N
ART 159/159H			
CCS 232			
COMM 150, 215			
DESN 108			
DNCE 104, 104H			
FILM 111/111H, 112/112H, 211/211H, 212/212H			
FREN 101, 102, 121, 201, 202; GRMN 101, 102, 121, 201			
HIST 100 (F11)/100H (F11), 101 (F11)/101H (F11), 103/103H, 104/104H, 110/110H, 111/111H, 115/115H, 116/116H, 141/141H, 142/142H, 145/145H, 146/146H, 165			
HUMN 101/101H, 201, 202, 205			
ITAL 101, 102, 103, 121, 201, 202; JAPN 101, 102, 121, 123/123, H201, 202, 210 (F16)			
LIT 100, 101, 120, 122, 250/250H, 251/251H, 260/260H, 261/261H, 265/265H, 270/270H, 271			
MAT 105			
PHIL 101/101H, 102, 221; RELG 101/101H, 103, 105			
SOC 232			
SPAN 101, 102, 201, 202, 205, 221, 222			

AREA D—Social Sciences†

Select **two** courses. If both courses selected are from the same discipline, the CSU Area D upper-division course requirement, completed after transfer, must come from a different discipline. A minimum of 6 units is required.

	C	IP	N
AUTO 111			
ADM 100, 200			
ANTH 102/102H, 103, 104, 105/105H, 107, 120, 190 (F19)			
BLST 100			
CCS 100, 232			
CHLD 112 (F22), 113, 210, 235			
COMM 120, 135, 144, 220			
CSIT 160, 165			
ECON 100, 101, 102			
ETHN 207			
GEOG 102, 104, 108			
GERO 101, 250			
HIST 100/100H, 101/101H, 102/102H, 105/105H, 107, 110/110H, 111/111H, 113/113H, 115/115H, 116/116H, 117/117H, 141/141H, 142/142H, 145/145H, 146/146H, 165			
NUTR 108			
PLSC 101/101H, 102, 103, 150			
PSYC 100, 101/101H, 103, 114 (F19), 115, 121/121H, 125, 145, 170, 211			
SOC 101/101H, 102, 103, 105, 120, 130, 140, 145, 207, 232, 250			

History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirement

All CSU campuses have a graduation requirement in History, Constitution and American Ideals. Students may be certified as completing this requirement by completing **one** course from Group I and **one** course from Group II; or by completing the course in Group III.

	C	IP	N
Group I: (select one) HIST 110/110H, 116/116H, 141/141H, 145/145H			
and			
Group II: (select one) HIST 111/111H, 117/117H (F16), 142/142H, 146, 165			
or			
Group III: PLSC 102			

AREA E—Lifelong Learning & Self-Development

Select **one** course. A minimum of 3 units is required.

	C	IP	N
BUS 136 (F13); BTEC 107			
CHLD 113 (F11), 205 (F11), 235			
COUN 100			
CSIT 160 (F22), 165			
GERO 101 (F11); HEAL 101, 222 (F19)			
INTR 100			
LIBR 201/201H (F19)			
NUTR 100/100H, 105, 125			
PSYC 100 (F11), 115, 121 (F11)/121H, 145, 170; SOC 145			

AREA F—Ethnic Studies†

Select **one** course. A minimum of 3 units is required.

	C	IP	N
CCS 100, 232; ETHN 100, 207; SOC 207, 232			

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & FOOTNOTES

This general education certification pattern can be subject to change year by year, but students are assured that courses taken to meet this pattern will be honored if they are approved for the academic year that the course is completed. **Courses on this list are approved effective Fall 2024 and are valid through Summer 2025.**

Certification of this general education pattern is not a CSU admission requirement, except when students are completing an Associate Degree for Transfer to a California State University. Students are strongly advised to work with a MiraCosta College counselor to develop an educational plan that includes general education and major preparation course work

Credit will not be awarded for both the honors and non-honors version of a course.

Courses listed in two different areas may be used in either area but not both.

() Course approved beginning semester and year indicated. Course taught on campus prior to CSU GE approval.

*Consistent with CSU admission policies, MiraCosta College will certify courses in Area A or B4 that have been completed with a minimum grade of "C-" or better.

†Effective for students beginning at MiraCosta College or a CSU campus in Fall 2021 and beyond. Students with continuous enrollment (attendance in at least one semester per calendar year at a CSU or CCC or a combination of the two) prior to Fall 2021 may choose to complete the Plan B pattern without Area F and with the 9-unit Area D requirement.

Plan B Frequently Asked Questions

CSU General Education-Breadth Courses

What is CSU-GE/Plan B?

CSU-GE refers to the pattern of general education courses that students can complete at MiraCosta College to fulfill general education and admission requirements to any California State University (CSU) campus. At MiraCosta College, this pattern of courses is known as Plan B.

Is CSU-GE/Plan B required for transfer to a CSU campus?

No. An upper-division transfer student must complete 60 transferable semester units, with a minimum 2.0 grade point average. Within the 60 units, a minimum of 30 units of courses that meet general education requirements must be completed. The 30 units must include the following:

- **Area A**—9 units in the English language. One course each in Written Communication, Oral Communication, and Critical Thinking
- **Area B4**—One course, 3 units, in Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning.

These courses must be completed with a "C-" or better or a "P" if completing pass/no pass.

Can I complete general education requirements at the CSU campus when I transfer?

Yes. If a student chooses a high unit major (e.g., math, sciences, computer science, or engineering), it may be advantageous to take courses fulfilling general education requirements at the CSU transfer campus. However, for most majors it is advantageous to complete the CSU-GE prior to transfer. Students are advised to see a MiraCosta College counselor for more information.

What is certification of CSU-GE/Plan B?

"Certification" refers to official notification from MiraCosta College that a student transferring to any CSU campus has completed courses fulfilling CSU lower-division general education requirements. To obtain full certification, a student must complete 39 units in the designated general education areas on Plan B. All courses in Area A and B4 must be completed with a grade of "C" or better or a "P" if completing pass/no pass. "Certification" means the student will not be required to complete additional lower-division general education courses after transfer. **Foreign course work is not acceptable for CSU-GE.**

Can I get partial certification on CSU-GE/Plan B?

Yes. Partial certification refers to certification by area (A, B, C, D, and E) on Plan B. To be partially certified, a student must complete all courses within an area. The CSU transfer campus will require completion of the general education requirements in those sections that are not certified after transfer.

Can Advanced Placement test scores be applied to CSU-GE/Plan B?

Yes. Most AP tests can be used to complete Plan B requirements as long as the student has earned a 3, 4, or 5 on an AP exam and is requesting full or partial area certification. Students are advised to see a MiraCosta College counselor when transferring with AP credit.

Are the approved History, Constitution and American Ideals courses required for transfer?

No. This a CSU campus *graduation* requirement. However, it is usually highly advantageous to complete this requirement prior to transfer.

Can students complete CSU-GE/Plan B course work at more than one college?

Yes. MiraCosta College will certify courses from another California community college or another CSU campus if they were approved for CSU-GE at the time they were completed. The certification placement will be in the CSU-GE breadth area approved at the college where they were completed. If the courses were completed at a regionally accredited institution that does not maintain a certified CSU-GE breadth list, the courses will be evaluated for placement by the MiraCosta College Admissions Office and Articulation Officer.

Can a course be used to satisfy a CSU-GE/Plan B requirement and a major requirement?

Yes. A course may be used for both requirements for most majors on most CSU campuses, but there may be exceptions to this rule. Please check with a MiraCosta College counselor or at www.assist.org for more information.

What if I have a mixture of quarter and semester unit courses? How is this calculated for certification?

It will be calculated to the student's advantage per area using either semester or quarter units. To convert semester units to quarter units, multiply the semester units by 1.5. To convert quarter units to semester units, divide the quarter units by 1.5.

MiraCosta College Associate Degree
Frequently Asked Questions**Can I use CSU-GE/Plan B to earn an associate degree?**

Yes. Certification of Plan B will satisfy the MiraCosta College **general education** and **competency** requirements for an associate degree.

What are the *other* requirements to earn an associate degree when I complete CSU-GE/Plan B?

- **Unit/GPA**—60 degree-applicable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- **Residency**—12 units completed at MiraCosta College.

Students who are certified with Plan B and who meet the above requirements can earn an A. A. in Liberal Arts.

- **Major**—18 units with a letter grade of "C" or better or "P" if taken on a pass/no basis.

Can I use Plan B to obtain a Certificate of Achievement?

Yes. Students fully certified on Plan B are qualified to receive a Certificate of Achievement in CSU-GE.

Petition for Degree and/or Certificate

Students who expect to receive an associate degree and/or Certificate of Achievement must file a petition by the 30 percent deadline of the final semester leading to their graduation. Official transcripts from all colleges attended (or currently attending), approved substitutions and waivers, educational plans, and any other necessary documents must be on file in the Counseling Office before a student submits a petition to graduate.