





Title 5, section 55061 describes the completion of GE, one component of the degree, as a learning experience that demonstrates:

..the ability to think and to communicate



HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General

Central to an associate degree, general education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world. It reflects the conviction of colleges that those who receive their degrees must possess in common certain basic principles, concepts and methodologies both unique to and shared by the various disciplines. College educated persons must be able to use this knowledge when evaluating and appreciating the physical environment, the culture, and the society in which they live. Most importantly, general education should lead to better self-understanding.



Title 5: Minimum Requirements for the



- Hartnell College General Education
- California State University General Education (CSU GE)
- Intersegmental General Education (IGETC)



- Local AA/AS degrees (*except Liberal Arts with emphasis*)
- Cannot be “double counted” unless specified in degree
- Total of 21 units
 - Written Composition-3 units
 - Communication & Analytical Thinking-6 units (incl. Math)
 - Natural Science-3 units
 - Social/Behavioral Science-3 units
 - Humanities-3 units
 - Ethnic Groups in the US-3 units



- Used for most Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs)
- Local Liberal Arts Degrees
- Courses may be “double counted” with major requirements
- Total of 39-40 units









AREA 1 - ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

1A: English Composition (one course - 3 semester units)

1B: Critical Thinking



AREA 4 - SOCIAL and BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (3 courses from at least two academic disciplines. 9 semester units)

AREA 5 - PHYSICAL and BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (2 courses, with one from the Physical Science and one from the Biological Science, at least one of the two courses must include a laboratory. 7-9 semester units)

5A: PHYSICAL SCIENCE

5B: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

5C: Lab

AREA 6 - LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (UC Requirement Only) (Proficiency equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language.)





CSU GE

- Articulation Officer submits courses for GE approval in December.
- Decisions will be effective next academic year *NEW*
- Usually notified in late spring/early summer



IGETC

- Articulation Officer will submit course for UC Transfer Agreement in Summer (June).
- Once approved as “transferable”, course can be submitted for GE review in December.
- Notified in late spring/early summer
- Decisions will be effective next academic year *NEW*



Local General Education Pattern

- Faculty can request GE consideration in CurricuNET
- Historically, A.O. has reviewed courses and updated patterns



How can we improve this process?

- General Education Subcommittee
- CC meetings dedicated to approval/review of GE courses
- Impact of Guided Pathways on GE
- Other ideas?