AB928 & CAL-GETC

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WHAT IS AB928?

- AB 928 is also known as the Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) Act of 2021
- It's a law designed to simplify the transfer process for CCC students
- Main impacts:
  - All students who indicate they plan to earn an AA degree and transfer must be put on an ADT pathway (effective Fall 2024)
  - Creates a singular GE pattern for transfer students, Cal-GETC, to replace the former CSU GE and IGETC patterns (effective Fall 2025)

AUTO ADT PLACEMENT

Per AB928, if an ADT pathway exists, students must be placed into it unless they meet the statutory exceptions. Statutory exceptions from auto-ADT placement include:

1. An ADT pathway does not exist in the chosen major at the college.
2. The student's educational pathway is better served by a local associate degree.
3. The student plans to apply to transfer to a UC campus or an independent college or university.
4. The student is seeking to complete a community college baccalaureate degree program.
5. The student is seeking to complete a CTE program that does not have an ADT pathway.

WHAT IS CAL-GETC?

- The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the new singular transfer general education pathway for California Community College (CCC) students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for transfer and admission to the CSU and UC systems.
- Cal-GETC shall be used for new incoming students in Fall 2025.
- Cal-GETC will replace the CSU GE Breadth and IGETC patterns.

CAL-GETC APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING

NEW STUDENTS

New Incoming students to the CCC begining Fall 2025 and beyond.

CONTINUING STUDENTS

Students with catalog rights* prior to Fall 2025 may choose to complete Cal-GETC, but it is not required. *Catalog rights are a local decision; Cal-GETCs effective Fall 2025.

EXTERNAL CREDIT STUDENTS

Students with external credits from in-state private or out-of-state institutions who do not have catalog rights.

CAL-GETC IS NOT INTENDED FOR:

LOCAL AA/AS DEGREE SEEKERS

Students who are earning an AA/AS degree using local general education requirements and do not plan to transfer.

DISCONTINUED STUDENTS

Students who have stopped out and do not have rights to Fall 2025 term.

ADT HOLDERS

Students who have already earned an ADT.

GE CERTIFIED

Completed full CSU GE Breadth or IGETC certification, whether noted on the CCC transcript or otherwise.

CAL-GETC REQUIREMENTS

- All Cal-GETC courses must be UC-transferable.
- Most IGETC-approved courses rolled over to Cal-GETC, except Area 1C.
- A minimum grade of "C" or "P". "P" grade is acceptable if equivalent to a "C" or higher and grading policy is reflected on the college transcript key or catalog; a "C-" is not acceptable.
- Courses must have at least 3 semester or 4 quarter units.
  - Exception: Lab courses paired with a lecture may be 1 unit.
  - Exception: Math and English sequence courses.

CAL-GETC REQUIREMENTS

Summary table for areas of Distribution for Cal-GETC

CAL-GETC SUBJECT AREAS	SUBJECT AREA DESCRIPTIONS	COURSES PER SUBJECT AREA

Area 1 – English Communication	**One course from each 1A, 1B, and 1C subject area.**
	Area 1A: English Composition-
	   1 course (3 semester or 4 quarter units)
	Area 1B: Critical Thinking and Composition-
	   1 course (3 semester or 4 quarter units)
	Area 1C: Oral Communication-
	   1 course (3 semester or 4 quarter units)
		3 courses (9 semester or 12 quarter units; 3 semester or 4 quarter units for each of 1A, 1B, and 1C)

Area 2 – Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning	**One course in Area 2.**	1 course (3 semester or 4 quarter units)

Area 3 – Arts and Humanities	**One course from each 3A and 3B subject area.**
	Area 3A: Arts-
	   1 course (3 semester or 4 quarter units) Area 3B: Humanities-
	   1 course (3 semester or 4 quarter units)
		2 courses (6 semester or 8 quarter units)

Area 4 – Social and Behavioral Sciences	**Two courses from two academic disciplines or in an interdisciplinary sequence.**	2 courses (6 semester or 8 quarter units)

Area 5 – Physical and Biological Sciences	**One course from each 5A and 5B subject area. One of the two courses must include a laboratory.**
	Area 5A: Physical Science-
	   1 course (3 semester or 4 quarter units) Area 5B: Biological Science-
	   1 course (3 semester or 4 quarter units) Area 5C: Laboratory-
	   (1 semester or 1 quarter unit)
		2 courses (7 semester or 9 quarter units)

Area 6 – Ethnic Studies	**One course in ethnic studies or in a similar field provided that the course is cross-listed with ethnic studies.**	1 course (3 semester or 4 quarter units)
	TOTAL	11 courses (34 semester or 45 quarter units)

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AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (AI)
REQUIREMENT FOR CSU

Counselors can still highly recommend American Institution courses for CSU-bound students.

The AI requirement is not a part of Cal-GETC but those courses can still be used to count for both areas (as it is now).

UC may require American Institutions requirements for students who did not graduate from a California high school.

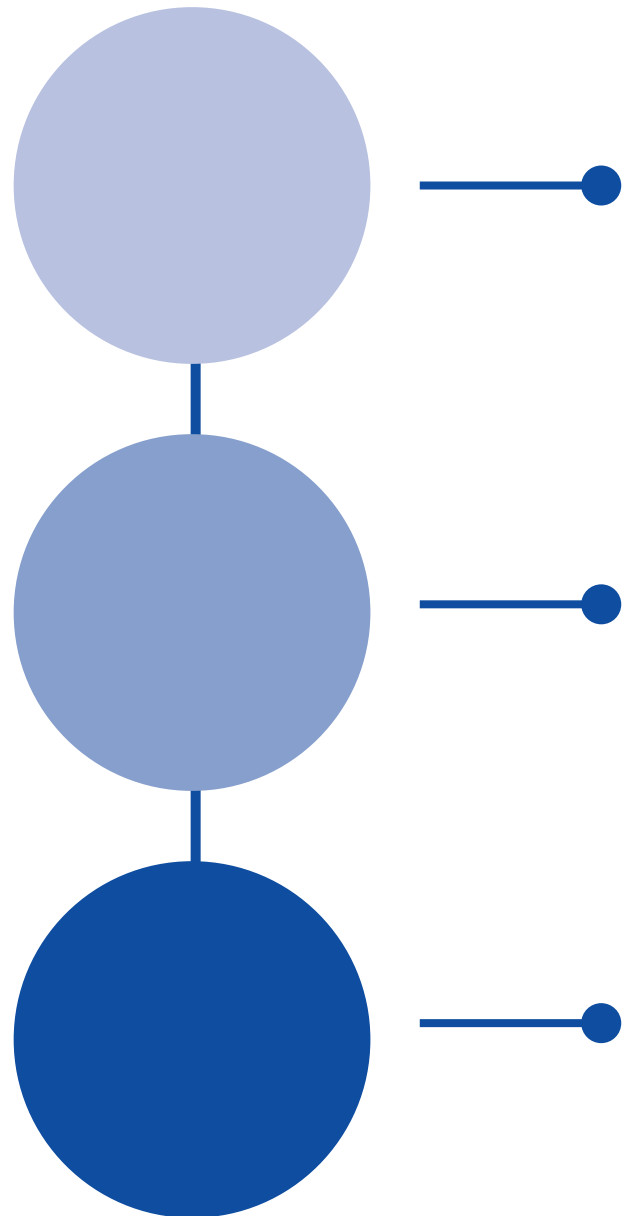# LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE)
REQUIREMENT FOR UC

EVALUATORS

Continue certifying as you have previously.

COUNSELORS

May recommend certifications based on students' transfer goals.

More guidance to come out in May; subject to change.

GE CERTIFICATIONS

Only full Cal-GETC certifications will be sent to CSU or UC if requested — partial certifications are not allowed.

There is no Cal-GETC STEM option.

All ADTs will require full completion of Cal-GETC to be awarded.

UPDATE YOUR CAL-GETC CERTIFICATION

10.4 Cal-GETC Certification Form

California General Education Transfer Curriculum
Cal-GETC Certification

Name: _____ Student ID#: _____
(Last)   (First)   (Middle)

Transferring to: ___ UC ___ CSU School: ____ Date of Birth: __ / __ / __

A minimum "C" grade is required in each college course for Cal-GETC. A "C" is defined as a minimum 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale.	Units Comp.
AREA 1 – ENGLISH COMMUNICATION	
1A ENGLISH COMPOSITION (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement (No IB score accepted for this area):	
1B CRITICAL THINKING AND COMPOSITION (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) Course:_____ College:_____ (No AP or IB scores accepted for this area)	
1C ORAL COMMUNICATION (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) Course:_____ College:_____ (No AP or IB scores accepted for this area)	
AREA 2 – MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) Course: College: _____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate:	
AREA 3 – ARTS AND HUMANITIES (Two courses - one Arts and one Humanities. 6 semester or 8 quarter units)	
3A ARTS (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate:	
3B HUMANITIES (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate:	
AREA 4 – SOCIAL and BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (2 courses from two academic disciplines. 6 semester or 8 quarter units)	
Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate:	
Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate:	
AREA 5 – PHYSICAL and BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (2 courses - one Physical Science and one Biological Science; at least one of the two courses must be associated with a Laboratory. 7 semester units or 9 quarter units)	
5A PHYSICAL SCIENCE (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate:_____	
5B BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE (one course – 3 semester or 4 quarter units) Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate:_____	
5C LABORATORY (1 semester or 1 quarter unit) Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate:_____	
AREA 6 – ETHIC STUDIES (1 course: 3 semester or 4 quarter units; this course must be in ethnic studies or in a similar field provided that the course is cross-listed with ethnic studies.) Course:_____ College:_____	
(optional) UC GRADUATION REQUIREMENT: LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (Proficiency equivalent to two years of high school study in the same language) 1. Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate: 2. Completed in High School: 3. Other:	
(Optional) CSU GRADUATION REQUIREMENT IN U.S. HISTORY, CONSTITUTION & AMERICAN IDEALS (**not part of Cal-GETC**; may be completed prior to transfer, 6 units) Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate: Course:_____ College:_____ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate:	

Cal-GETC certified: YES ____ NO ____

Signature: _____ Phone #: (   )

Certified by (print name): _____ Title: _____

Date: _____

DON'T FORGET!

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CATALOG RIGHTS

Students admitted pre-Fall 2025

- Students may use the CSU GE or IGETC version that was in effect when they first enrolled at a California Community College, as long as they have continuous enrollment.
- There is no sunset date for CSU GE Breadth or IGETC – courses currently approved for CSU GE and IGETC can continue to be used in those patterns.

CATALOG RIGHTS

Students admitted pre-Fall 2025

Continuous Enrollment Scenarios:
- Students who started in 2022–2023 may follow IGETC 2.3 or later.
- Students who started in 2023–2024 may follow IGETC 2.4 (which adds Area 7–Ethnic Studies and updates Area 4–Social and Behavioral Sciences) or later.

CATALOG RIGHTS

Students Admitted Fall 2025 and Beyond

Students must complete Cal-GETC to fulfill general education requirements. CSU GE Breadth and IGETC are not options for these students.

Middle High School or High School Students

- Evaluators review degrees based on catalog rights, not high school status.
- For Cal-GETC eligibility, we confirm that the student is enrolled in Fall 2025 or later.
- If a student completes an ADT while in MHS or HS or during their first college term in Fall 2025, we will award the ADT as long as they are enrolled in Fall 2025 or later and have met all requirements.
- Once the ADT is awarded, the CSU or UC <u>should not</u> challenge the certification if they have enrollment in Fall 2025 or later.

CATALOG RIGHTS

Learn More About Catalog Rights

[Cal-GETC Administrative Implementation Guidance Page 3](#)

RESOURCES

- Cal-GETC Standards Version 1.0 (2023)
- Cal-GETC Standards Version 1.1 (2023)
- Cal-GETC Standards Version 1.2 (2024)

- Cal-GETC Administrative Implementation Guidance
- Cal-GETC Administrative Implementation Guidance Update
- Guiding Notes for Cal-GETC Course Review
- ICAS Approved the Cal-Getc Standard Document version 1.0
- Standards, Policies, and Procedures Manual

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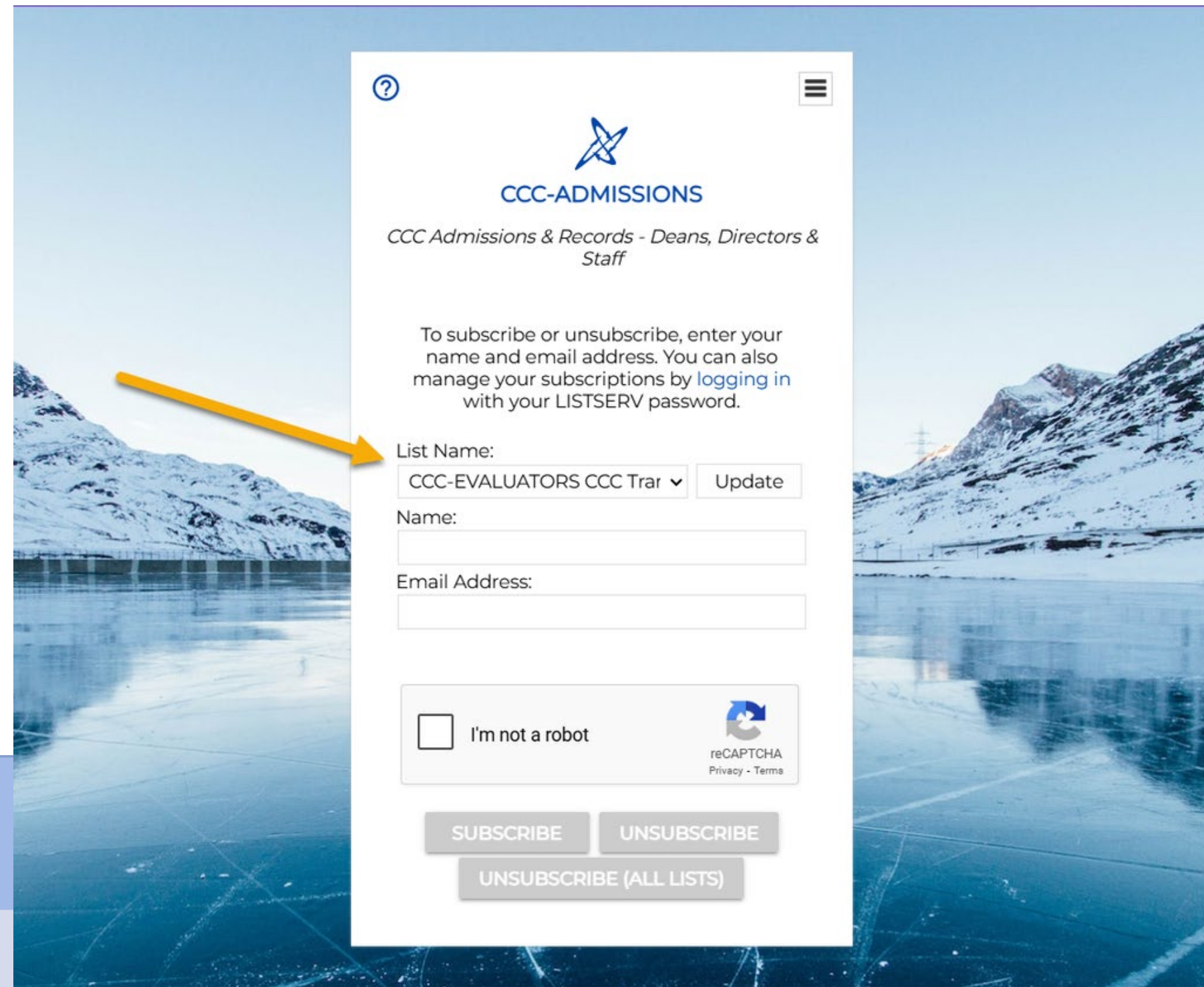
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