American River College
California State University
Transfer & General Education Requirements 2017-2018

Minimum requirements for transfer to a California State University (CSU) campus with Junior standing:

- Complete 60 transferable semester units. Complete as many of the lower division requirements in your major as possible. These requirements can be found at www.assist.org.
- Complete at least 30 semester units of CSU General Education courses with a “C” grade or better.
- Have a 2.0 G.P.A. in all transferable units attempted.
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended.
- Complete the following CSU General Education areas with a grade of “C” or better:
  - A1 – Oral Communication
  - A2 – Written Communication
  - A3 – Critical Thinking
  - B4 – Quantitative Reasoning

How to choose the correct CSU GE pattern for you:

- Always use the most current CSU General Education pattern to choose your courses. Each year, a few courses are added or deleted on these patterns.
- If you take a course during the semester/term it appears on the CSU General Education pattern — it counts! If you take a course after it has been deleted or before it appears on the pattern — it doesn’t count for CSU General Education.
- Meet with your ARC counselor before attempting to take courses at another college to fulfill CSU GE requirements. Approved courses vary from college to college.

General Education Certification:

- Most CSU campuses require that the CSU General Education pattern be certified.
- You must meet with an ARC counselor in order to have your CSU General Education certified.
- Certification should be done in your last term of enrollment prior to transfer.

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT)

American River College offers Associate Degrees for Transfer to the CSU. These include Associate in Arts (AA-T) or Associate in Science (AS-T) degrees. These degrees are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. ARC students who earn an ADT degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing at a campus of the CSU system, and are given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. Earning an ADT does not guarantee admission to specific majors or campuses.

Students who earn an ADT degree are able to complete the remaining requirements for the major in which the ADT was earned with not more than 60 semester or 90 quarter units after transfer.

Current and prospective community college students are encouraged to meet with an ARC counselor to review their options for transfer and to develop an educational plan that best meets their goals and needs.
CSU Requirements for the Bachelor's Degree:

Degree requirements at a California State University consist of: (1) General Education Requirements which are required of all degree candidates, (2) Major Requirements which are part of the student's field of specialization, (3) individual campus graduation requirements, and (4) state law requirements. These requirements are classified in two levels — lower division and upper division. Students may transfer a maximum of 70 lower division semester units from a community college, which may involve preparation for the major and all lower division general education courses.

To be eligible for graduation with a Bachelor's degree from a California State University, students must complete a minimum of 48 semester units of general education. American River College will certify completion of 39 lower division general education units for students if they follow the pattern of requirements outlined below. The remaining nine (9) units required in general education must be upper division courses completed at the four-year university.

A minimum of 60 transferable semester units are required for a student to transfer with junior standing. It is important that lower division major course requirements be completed prior to transfer. Major requirements can be found at www.assist.org.

Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations are appropriate for inclusion in the General Education breadth list. AP, IB, and CLEP examination information can be found in the ARC Catalog.

Special Notes for California State University Sacramento (CSUS):

1. Race and Ethnicity in American Society: CSUS requires three (3) units to meet their Race and Ethnicity Graduation requirement. The following ARC courses are approved to meet this requirement: HIST 330, SOC 320, PSYC 365/HSER 330, TA 306 or TAFILM 307. These courses may also be used to meet CSU General Education Certification requirements.

2. Foreign Language Proficiency: Undergraduate students are required to meet a foreign language requirement for the baccalaureate degree. The proficiency to be demonstrated is at a level comparable to the second semester of college level language, including ASL. See a counselor for ways to meet the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement. NOTE: Some Bachelor of Science high unit majors have been given an exemption from the Foreign Language Requirement. Those programs are noted in their catalog sections of the CSUS Catalog. See an ARC counselor or CSUS admissions representative for more information about majors that are exempt from the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement.

3. English Composition: CSUS requires completion of two semesters of college-level English Composition. The second semester at CSUS is met with either ENGL 20 or ENGL 20M. The following ARC courses fulfill the second semester or English Composition: ENGWR 301, 302, 303, 481, 482, or ESL 350. These courses also meet the AREA A3 requirement on the CSU General Education Pattern.

Note that the above CSUS requirements, which may be completed at American River College, are for graduation from, not admission to, CSUS
A. English Language Communication & Critical Thinking: 9 semester units minimum, 1 course from each area

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B. Scientific Inquiry & Quantitative Reasoning: 9 semester units minimum, 1 course from each area. Courses in area B3 may also be used in areas B1 or B2 where appropriate. Related lecture course must be completed prior to or concurrently with lab.

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<td>ASTR 300, 310, 320, 330, +481; CHEM *305, +309, +400, +401, +423; GEOL 300, 305, 306, 307, 308; GEOL 300, 305, 306, 320, 325, 330, 345; PHYS 310, 311, +350, +360, +410; PS 300</td>
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C. Arts & Humanities: 9 semester units minimum including one course from Arts and one from Humanities plus 1 course from either Arts or Humanities

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<td>ART 300, 320, 324, 370, 372, 390, 420, 430; ARTH 300, 302, 308, 310, 318, 322, 333, 334 335, ARTNM 305, 310; ARTPH 300, 345; DANCE 403, 433; FASH 330, IDES *310, 312, MUFHL 300, 308, 310, 311, 315, 321, 330, 400, 401, 410, 411; MUVI 310, 340, 370, 385, 390, 396, 400, 401, +481; HUM 300, 301, 302, 310, 320, 326, 330, 355, 360, 365; MUSM 342; TA 300, *302, *303, 306, 390, 396, 435, 480; TAFILM 300, 302, 303, 307</td>
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D. Social Sciences: 9 semester units minimum, 3 courses from at least 2 different subject areas

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E. Lifelong Learning & Self Development: 3 semester units minimum

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<td>ECE *312; GERON 300, 302; HCD 310; HEED 300; HSER 330, 340; NUTRI 300; PSYC *340, 342, 354, *356, 358, 359, 365, *370, *372, *373, *374, *390, 400, *481; SOC 335; SPEECH 321; NOTE: One unit maximum from most courses with the following prefixes: ADAP, DANCE, FITNS, PACT, TMACT, SPORT. Check with ARC counselor or <a href="http://www.assist.org">www.assist.org</a> to identify appropriate PE activity course use.</td>
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F. U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals: This is a CSU Graduation requirement, not part of CSU Certification

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<td>POLS 301 or 481 and one of the following: HIST 310, 311, 318, 320, 321, 323, 325, 327, 330, 483, or 484</td>
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* Courses appearing in more than one category may be used to satisfy only one category.
+ Courses may be counted in 2 areas

G = Grade / U = Units Completed / I = In Progress / N = Need
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION FILING PERIODS

APPLICATION PRIORITY FILING PERIOD:

- Winter Quarter: June 1 - 30
- Spring Semester: August 1 - 31
- Fall Semester: October 1 - November 30

Apply using: [www.calstate.edu/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/apply)

Choose the type of student you are to learn more about how to apply to the CSU:

- Click TRANSFER
  - Students have the option to see Application Dates & Deadlines
    - Is Your Campus Still Accepting Applications?
    - Students have the option to see FAQ
- Click APPLY NOW
- Create an account for Cal State Apply

Need assistance with the application, call 857-304-2087 or email: [CalStateApply@liaisoncas.com](mailto:CalStateApply@liaisoncas.com)

Students are welcome to use the ARC Transfer Center to fill out CSU application.

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