Plan B: Advisement Sheet

CSU General Education-Breadth Courses • Fall 2011–Summer 2012

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

A3.* Critical Thinking: C IP N
COMM 212
ENGL 201, 201H, 202, 202H
PHIL 100
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 underlined.)

B1. Physical Science: C IP N

B2. Life Science: C IP N
ANTH 101, 101H, 102, 103; BIO 100, 101, 101L, 102, 103, 105, 105L, 109, 110, 111, 112, 114, 115, 115H, 116, 117, 141 (F ’10), 142 (F ’10), 143 (F ’10), 144 (F ’10), 145 (F ’10), 146 (F ’10), 147 (F ’10), 149 (F ’10), 150, 150L, 150H, 151, 152, 156, 157, 158, 201, 254, 258, 260, 260H, 290

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 underlined.)

B4.* Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning: C IP N
A minimum of 3 semester units is required.
BIO/BTEC 180; MATH 103, 105, 106, 115, 125, 130, 135, 150, 155, 200; PSYC/PSY 104

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, 157, 158, 201, 254, 258, 259, 280, 260H, 290
COMM 111
DANCE 100, 101, 105
DRAM 100, 120, 130
FILM 101 (F ’10), 101H, 106
MUS 109, 113, 114, 115, 115H, 116, 119

C2. Humanities: C IP N
ASIA/PHIL 105
CHNS 101, 102, 201
COMM 215
FREN 101, 102, 201, 202
GRMN 101, 102, 201
HIST 103, 103H, 104, 104H
HUMN 101, 101, 202, 205, 250, 251
ITAL 101, 102, 201, 202, 210
JAPN 101, 102, 201, 202
LIT 120, 250, 251, 260, 261, 265, 270, 271
PHIL 101, 102, 122, 221
SPAN 101, 102, 201, 202, 203, 205

AREA D—Social Sciences

Select three courses from at least two different groups. A minimum of 9 semester units is required. A course used to meet one group requirement may not be used to meet another group requirement.

D1. Anthropology and Archeology: ANTH 102, 220H, 104H, 190T

D2. Economics: ECON 100, 101, 102

D3. Ethnic Studies: ASIA/HIST 107H; HIST 141 (F ’10), 142 (F ’10), 145 (F ’10), 146 (F ’10), 147 (F ’10), 149 (F ’10)

D4. Gender Studies: COMM 135; SOC 120

D5. Geography: GEOG 102, 104, 108

D6. History: ASIA/HIST 107H; HIST 100, 100H, 101, 101H, 105, 105H, 109, 110, 110H, 111, 111H, 116, 117, 141 (F ’10), 142 (F ’10), 143 (F ’10), 144 (F ’10), 146 (F ’10), 150, 155

D7. Interdisciplinary, Social or Behavioral Science: ADM/SOC 105; COMM 120, 220; CSIT 160; GERO 101

D8. Political Science, Government and Legal Institutions: PLSC 101, 102 (F ’09), 103, 150

D9. Psychology: CHLD/PSYC 121; PSYC 100, 101, 101H, 103

D10. Sociology and Criminology: ADM 106, 100H; SOC 101, 101H, 102, 103

U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirement

All CSU campuses have a graduation requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals. Students may be certified as completing this requirement at MiraCosta College by completing one of the groups listed below.

Group I: HIST 110 & 111

Group II: HIST 116 & 117

Group III: HIST 141 & 142

Group IV: HIST 145 & 146

Group V: PLSC 102

These courses may be used to partially satisfy the Area D requirement.

AREA E—Lifelong Learning & Self-Development

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

E1. Physical Fitness: BUS 147 (F ’10)

E2. Career Counseling: COUN/CRLP 100

E3. Health: COUN 110

E4. Nutrition: HEAL 101

E5. Social Science: INTR 100

E6. Language: NUTR 100, 105

E7. Psychology: PSYC 115, PSYC/PSY 145

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 effective Fall 2011 and are valid through Summer 2012.

Certification of this general education pattern is not a CSU admission requirement. Students should 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.

*MiraCosta College will not certify courses in Area A or B4 that have not been completed with a minimum grade of “C” or “P.”

†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.

LEGEND: C=Completed IP=In Progress N=Need

PROGRESS: Total Units Completed: In Progress: Need:
Plan B Frequently Asked Questions
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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 U.S. 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; 6 units in the major.

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.

Final Dates to File a Petition

Fall 2011: September 23, 2011
Spring 2012: February 24, 2012
Summer 2012: July 6, 2012