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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Vice President, Instruction
Vice President, Student Services

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SUBJECT: AB 928 Implementation Update

This memo provides important information related to the implementation of AB 928 – Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act. AB 928, signed into law in 2021, is meant to streamline the pathway between community colleges and four-year institutions. The bill contains two key components:

- 1) Directing Students to an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
- 2) Single General Education Transfer Pathway (CalGETC)

Directing Students to an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)

AB 928 introduces an automatic ADT opt-in for students that indicates they wish to transfer to a CSU if one exists in their pathway. To facilitate this requirement, the district has implemented two key updates to CCCApply effective Fall 2024:

AB 928 Auto-Enroll to ADT

If students indicate an educational goal of "Obtain an associate degree and transfer to a 4-year institution" the application will only show associate degree programs. If the pathway contains an ADT, it will only show the ADT and not the regular major.

For Example:

When a student indicates they want to obtain a degree and transfer, it will only show "Business Administration for Transfer 2.0." If the student indicates they only want a degree (or any other educational goal), it will show "Business Administration" and "Business Administration for Transfer 2.0."

Associate Degree and Transfer	Associate Degree Only
Educational Goal [?] Obtain an associate degree and transfer to a 4-year institution ▼	Educational Goal [?] Obtain a 2-year associate degree without transfer ▼
Major Category [?] Business and Entrepreneurship ▼	Major Category [?] Business and Entrepreneurship ▼
Intended Major or Program of Study [?] -- Select -- ▼ -- Select -- Accountancy Business Administration for Transfer 2.0 Business Management Entrepreneurship Financial Services	Intended Major or Program of Study [?] -- Select -- ▼ -- Select -- Accountancy Business Administration Business Administration for Transfer 2.0 Business Management Entrepreneurship Financial Services

The pre-filtering only occurs if the student chooses "Obtain an Associate Degree and Transfer" as their educational goal.

Academic Career Pathways Implementation

Each of the colleges have submitted their ACPs and these will be loaded into CCCApply. What this means is that there will be a new selection on CCCApply that will ask for the student to pick a "Major Category" These will be your ACPs. When students pick a major category, it will only display majors in the ACP. Students may still select "All Majors"

Major Category [?]
 Social and Behavioral Sciences and Education ▼

Intended Major or Program of Study [?]
 -- Select -- ▼
 -- Select --
 Admin of Justice for Transfer
Anthropology for Transfer
 Child Dev - Associate Teacher
 Child Dev - Master Teacher
 Child Dev - Site Supervisor
 Child Dev - Teacher
 Child Development
 Child Development Assistant Teacher
 Early Education Entrepreneurship

Single General Education Transfer Pathway (CalGETC)

Effective Fall 2025 the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is the singular general education pathway for California Community College (CCC) students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements necessary for transfer and admission to both the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC).

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)

Significant Differences Cal-GETC compared to IGETC or CSU GE:

- 1) Oral Communication Area is included, but was not included in UC IGETC;
- 2) Arts and Humanities Area is reduced from three to two courses;
- 3) Behavioral and Social Sciences Area is reduced from three courses to two courses;
- 4) Lifelong Learning and Self-Development Area, previously not in IGETC, but included in CSU GE Breadth is not included;
- 5) Languages other than English previously included in IGETC is not included;
- 6) Ethnic Studies Area is included;
- 7) Reduction in units from 37-39 to 34 units;
- 8) Students transferring using either IGETC or CSU GE may continue to receive full or partial certification based on their catalog rights. Students transferring using the Cal-GETC pattern may only receive full certification—partial certification is not permitted;
- 9) A “C-” grade valued at less than 2.0 grade points on a 4.0 scale cannot be used for Cal-GETC Certification

Implementation Timeline for CalGETC

Term/Month	Description
Fall 2024:	Communication to students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators
September 2024:	Deadline for CIC approval of updated Associate Degrees for Transfer
December 2024:	Submission deadline for courses to be considered for Cal-GETC
May 2025:	ASSIST.org published Cal-GETC Courses Colleges update general education advising sheets
Summer 2025:	New academic plans released
Fall 2025:	Cal-GETC is mandatory for new students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer or seeking transfer general education certification to a CSU or UC.

Professional Development Opportunities to learn about CalGETC

District Educational Services will be sponsoring some professional development opportunities for faculty and staff that work with students who are transferring to a 4-year institution. Understanding how the new CalGETC requirements will affect both new and continuing students will be important when working with students who are intending to transfer.

Catalog Rights 2025

The use of the Cal-GETC transfer pathway is intended to begin Fall 2025 of the 2025-26 Academic Year. Under Cal-GETC, every student will be designated simply as having achieved, or not having achieved, Cal-GETC certification irrespective of their transfer destination.

For any student who begins at a California community college prior to Fall 2025:

Students may present a CSU GE or IGETC certification beginning with the version that was current when they began at a California community college. For example:

- If the student begins in the 2022-2023 academic year, they may follow IGETC 2.3 or beyond.
- If the student begins in the 2023-2024 academic year, they may follow IGETC 2.4, which includes the new Area 7–Ethnic Studies (3 units) and the modified Area 4 – Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 units), or beyond.

These students may also opt to fulfill their General Education (GE) pattern requirements using Cal-GETC if they choose, once courses become available starting in Fall 2025.

For any student who begins at a California community college in Fall 2025 or beyond:

Students may present a Cal-GETC certification (as opposed to an IGETC certification) if they wish to use this pattern to help fulfill their GE preparation.

For further details regarding catalog rights, please [Cal-GETC Administrative Implementation Guidance memo](#).

CSU GE/IGETC Sunsetting of IGETC/CSU GE Patterns

Starting with the 2025-2026 academic catalogs, the CSU General Education (GE) and Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) patterns will no longer be available. However, students who begin their studies at a California community college before Fall 2025 can still complete and present a CSU GE or IGETC certification based on the version in effect when they first enrolled. This means these students can follow the older general education patterns as long as they maintain continuous enrollment.

Sincerely,

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