

This general education pattern is designed for students who plan to transfer to the California State University system and who want to complete and have certified the CSU General Education Breadth Requirements.

Associate in Arts Degree

Students can complete the CSU General Education Breadth requirements and complete an AA Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. By completing the CSU General Education Breadth requirements outlined on this page, you will also have completed a majority of the requirements for the AA Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences. With careful planning, you can complete both sets of requirements.

Courses identified to meet both sets of requirements are in bold type.

Area A

COMMUNICATION IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND CRITICAL THINKING

Select at least one course from Groups A1, A2 and A3. (9 semester units). Must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Group A1 Speech 1, 46

Group A2 English 1A

Group A3 English 4, 7, Speech 46

Area B

THE PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Select at least one course from Groups B1, B2, B3 and B4. (9/12 semester units)

B1 – PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Astronomy 1, 10, 20, 30

Chemistry 1A, 1B, 30A, 30B, 31

Geography 1, 1L, 8

Geology 1A, 1B, 10, 10L, 12, 12L, 21

Physics 2A, 2B, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 10 10L

B2 – LIFE SCIENCES

Anatomy 1

Anthropology 1*

Biology 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 31, 40, 50

Biotechnology 1

Botany 1

Ecology 10, 11

Microbiology 1

Physiology 1

Psychology 4*

Zoology 1

*Also listed in Area D but can only be used in one area.

B3 – Physical or Life Science LAB.

One of the courses selected from Group B1 or B2 must include a laboratory. Underlined courses are lab courses. Lab must be associated with the lecture course.

B4 – MATHEMATICS

Complete one course. Course must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Mathematics 1, 20, 33, 34, 36, 38, 41, 42A, 42B, 44, 45

Area C

ARTS, LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Select at least one course from Groups C1 and C2. (9/12 semester units)

C1 – ARTS (Art, Dance, Music, Theater)

Art 1, 2A, 3A, 4, 5, 10, 11

Creative Arts 10

Music 1, 2, 4, **5**, 6, 8A, 8B, 12, **24**, 44, 45

Photography 67

Theater Arts 1A, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14, 25, 40

C2 – HUMANITIES (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Languages)

American Sign Language 2A, 2B

English 3, 11, 12, 13, 20, 23, 27, 32, 38, **44***, 45, 47

French 2A, 2B

History 1*, 2*

Humanities 1, 3, 10, 28, 35, 40, 44

Philosophy 1, 2, 4, 7, 25

Religious Studies 1, 11

Spanish 2A, 2B

Speech 2A, 5

*Also listed in Area D but can only be used in one area.

Area D

HUMAN SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS AND BEHAVIOR

Select courses from at least two different disciplines from groups D1 through D5. Courses in Area D may be listed in more than one discipline but may not be used in more than once. (9/12 semester units)

D1 - ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHEOLOGY

Anthropology 1*, 2, 3, **5**

*Also listed in Area B but can only be used in one area.

D2 – ECONOMICS

Economic 1, 2, 5, 10

D3 - ETHNIC STUDIES

Anthropology **5**

English 23, **44***

History **14**, 15, 16, 22, 25, **28**

Sociology **3**

*Also listed in Area C but can only be used in one area.

D4 - GENDER STUDIES

History **32**

Sociology 11

D5 – GEOGRAPHY

Geography 2, 3, 5, 12, 15

D6 – HISTORY

History 1*, 2*, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 22, 25, 28, 32

*Also listed in Area C2 but can only be used in one area.

D7 – INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL OR BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Business 30

Computer Information Systems 50

Marketing 50

Mass Communications 5

D8 – POLITICAL SCIENCE, GOVERNMENT AND LEGAL INSTITUTIONS

Political Science 7, 12, 20, 25, 30

D9 – PSYCHOLOGY

Early Childhood Development 15***

Psychology 1, 2, 3, 4*, 6, 12**, 15***

* Also listed in Area B but can only be used in one Area.

** Also listed in Area E but can only be used in one Area.

*** ECD 15 + Psych 15 max credit 3 units.

D0 – SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY

Sociology 1, 3, 4, 6, 11

Area E**UNDERSTANDING AND SELF DEVELOPMENT**

(3 semester units)

Health 1, 2

Nutrition 1

Physical Education Activity 1****, 2****, 24**

Psychology 8, 10, 12*, 24**

Psychology-Counseling 7***, 10, 11, 14, 14L, 16, 20

Sociology 7

Speech 10

* Also listed in Area D but can only be used in one area.

** Psych 24 + PE 24, 3 units maximum credit.

*** For Area E credit, course must be taken once for 3 units.

**** Limit 2 units

American Institutions Requirement

Completion of the United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals Requirement is required for graduation from any CSU Campus (Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 40404). All CSUs will allow up to six of the units taken to meet this requirement to be credited toward satisfying the General Education Breadth Requirements in Area D. Consult your counselor for clarification of this policy.

To satisfy the American Institutions requirement, complete one course from Group 1 and Group 2:

Group 1 – History 7, Political Science 7

Group 2 – History 8, 14, 15, 16, 25, 28, 32

Additional Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree

The following requirements are specific to the AA Degree. Select from the list below in order to minimize the number of courses that you must take to complete both sets of requirements. Students are encouraged to meet with a counselor for help in selecting appropriate courses.

English Composition

Complete English 1A and 4 or 7 from CSU GE Area A2 & A3.

American Cultures Requirement

The following courses have been identified as meeting the American Cultures requirement. Complete one course with a grade of "C" or higher or "CR".

Where it is appropriate, the course can simultaneously satisfy other graduation or disciplinary requirements.

Anthropology 5 (also satisfies Area D)

English 44 (also satisfies Area C2)

History 14, 28, 32 (also satisfies Area D)

Music 5, 24 (also satisfies Area C1)

Sociology 3 (also satisfies Area D)

Speech 11

Health Education

Health 1 (also satisfies Area E)

Physical Education

*Complete two semester units selected from:

PE 1, 2, 3, 12, 30-48

Dance 1

*Exemption is allowed for illness or physical disability by filing a physician's statement at the Admissions & Records Office. Students who hold an AA/AS Degree or higher are also exempt.

American Institutions Requirement

To satisfy the American Institutions requirement, complete one course from Group 1 and Group 2:

Group 1 – History 7, Political Science 7

Group 2 – History 8, 14, 15, 16, 25, 28, 32

Important Notes:

To earn a bachelor's degree from the California State University, students must complete a 48 semester unit program of general education. Las Positas College students can complete 39 of these units by completing the requirements listed on this flyer. Completion of these requirements will permit a student to transfer from Las Positas College to the CSU without the need after transfer to take additional lower-division general education courses. Las Positas College will certify completion of 39 semester units of general education courses. The remaining 9 units (of the 48 required) must be completed after reaching upper-division status (completion of 60 semester units) and after transfer to the CSU.

Certification is not automatic. Students must request certification from the Las Positas College Admissions and Records Office at the end of the last semester of attendance. The final transcript should be ordered at this time. Failure to complete full certification will cause courses to be reviewed differently at the receiving campus.

Students are advised to work closely with a counselor. 9/29/04

