

December 4, 2023

To: College and School Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) Chairs

Re: California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)

Dear FEC Chairs,

As you may be aware, in December 2022, the Assembly of the UC Academic Senate voted to approve [UC Senate Regulation 479](#), creating a new transfer curriculum aligned with the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC). Designed to replace the existing Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), Cal-GETC creates a singular pathway of courses that California community college students may complete to meet lower-division general education requirements for transfer admission to both UC and the California State University. The Cal-GETC pathway is officially intended to replace IGETC in Fall 2025, although students may have already begun using the course pattern as of Fall 2023.

At UCLA, the College of Letters and Science and professional schools may determine whether and how to accept Cal-GETC to satisfy lower-division general education requirements and proficiencies. Notably, the Cal-GETC pattern removes the Language Other than English proficiency requirement that was previously part of IGETC. It also adds an English Composition/Speech class and removes an Arts & Humanities class from the pattern. If requirements are not fully satisfied prior to arrival at UCLA, students are subject to the academic regulations of the school or college to which they transfer. (See attached table.)

At its November 3, 2023 meeting, the Undergraduate Council discussed Cal-GETC and its implications for undergraduate education at UCLA. I write on behalf of the Council to bring this issue to your attention and to request that your FEC consider the following possible options, each of which have differing impacts on undergraduate course enrollment and time-to-degree (TTD):

- Accept CalGETC: UCLA degree requirements may differ substantially for transfer students compared to first-year admits if your School has a foreign language requirement.
- Accept modified or partial CalGETC for transfer students to satisfy some general education requirements and proficiencies prior to matriculation while requiring other proficiencies (e.g., Diversity or Foreign Language) to be satisfied separately; may accept high school coursework for language proficiency.
- Do not accept CalGETC: Transfer students will be required to satisfy all general education requirements upon matriculation, which may significantly impact TTD.

Your FEC may also wish to consider other approaches. Please note that changes to general education requirements must be approved by the Undergraduate Council and may involve amending Divisional academic regulations, requiring approval by the Legislative Assembly. The Council respectfully requests a response from the FEC with your School's intended course of action by the end of Winter quarter 2024.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. If you have any questions, please contact me via the Undergraduate Council analyst, Julia Nelsen, at jnelsen@senate.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Sugar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine Sugar
Chair, Undergraduate Council

cc: Alexander Spokoyny, Vice Chair, Undergraduate Council
Julia Nelsen, Principal Policy Analyst, UCLA Academic Senate
College/School FEC Coordinators

Encl.: Comparison of IGETC vs. Cal-GETC vs. UCLA College Proficiencies & GEs

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(by number of required courses)

	UCLA									
	IGETC	Cal-GETC	College	SEAS	SEIS	SoAA	TFT	LSPA	FSPH	SON
	SR 478	SR 479	SR 458	SR 406	SR 420-421	SR 425-426	SR 441-442	SR 487-488	SR 433-434	SR 483-484
English	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Composition**										
Math/QR**	1	1	1	n/a	1	1	n/a	1	1	1
Arts & Humanities	3	2	3	2	3	3	5	3	3	3
Social & Behavioral Science	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Physical & Biological Science	2 (incl. 1 lab)	2 (incl. 1 lab)	4 (incl. 1 lab)	1	4 (incl. 1 lab)	2	2	4 (incl. 1 lab)	4 (incl. 1 lab)	4
Foreign Language	2 yrs H.S.		0-3 (Level 3 proficiency)	n/a	0-3 (Level 3 proficiency)	0-2 (Level 2 proficiency)	0-3 (Level 3 proficiency)	0-3 (Level 3 proficiency)	n/a	n/a
Ethnic Studies/Diversity**	1*	1	1	n/a	1	1	n/a	1	1	n/a

**Writing II, QR (Quantitative Reasoning) and Diversity can overlap with GE requirements

*IGETC Ethnic Studies does not necessarily satisfy UCLA Diversity requirement