

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Deans, Directors, Department Heads, and Advisors

**FROM:** George Gehrels, Chair, Undergraduate Council  
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**RE:** **Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)  
California State General Education Pattern (CSUGE)**

California community college students considering a baccalaureate program at the University of Arizona will have a smoother transfer experience when they take advantage of a transfer policy approved by the Faculty Senate on 9/13/10. After determining that the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) and the California State General Education Pattern (CSUGE) awarded by California community colleges were similar to the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) awarded by Arizona community colleges, the Undergraduate Council proposed that courses taken for the IGETC or the CSUGE should transfer in a similar manner. The policy proposal passed by Faculty Senate is effective for transfer students admitted in Spring 2011. Like the AGEC, a certified IGETC or CSUGE enables California transfer students to satisfy most of the UA's General Education requirements.

**Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum Policy**, see the 2010-11 Catalog, <http://catalog.arizona.edu/2010-11/policies/igetc.html>:

*The California public community colleges and state universities have agreed upon a common structure for a general education core curriculum. This common structure is called the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State General Education Pattern (CSUGE). The IGETC and the CSUGE are composed of a minimum of 35 – 40 semester units of lower-division general education course work that prepares the student for transfer.\* All transferable course work must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.*

*Students transferring to the University of Arizona from California with an IGETC certified by a California community college will have completed the majority of the University's lower-division General Education requirements. The IGETC will fulfill the following lower-division General Education requirements at the University: freshman composition, mathematics-General Strand, Tier One and Tier Two—with the exception of the Natural Sciences and the Diversity Emphasis course. To complete the [Natural Sciences](#), the student's college/major advisor will need to validate completion of two laboratory science courses at the transfer institution or at the UA. To satisfy the [Diversity Emphasis](#) requirement, the student's advisor will need to verify completion of a course that focuses on gender, race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or non-western studies.*

*The University reserves the right to verify that an IGETC certified by a community college conforms to California-approved policy before the IGETC is applied toward a UA degree. Additionally, students with an IGETC are required to fulfill (1) the [Second Language Requirement](#), (2) prerequisites for advanced standing in the college and/or major/minor areas of study, and (3) all specific upper-division degree program requirements.*

*In the absence of a certified IGETC, transfer students from California colleges and universities may meet the UA General Education requirements with a combination of IGETC-approved courses taken before their initial enrollment at UA, along with subsequent UA General Education course work.*

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*\*NOTE: For purposes of this transfer policy, the IGEC is identified, but completion of the CSUGE is equally acceptable in the same ways.*

### **Rationale for the new Transfer Policy**

- The IGETC block transfer agreement was approved by California public colleges and universities in 1991. Data collected by UA's California peer institutions indicate that students admitted with the IGETC persist and perform as well academically as non-transfer students.
- The UA first accepted students with a certified IGETC from California community colleges in Spring 2004, and applied those courses toward the General Education Curriculum as a pilot.
- While records on UA students admitted with an IGETC are incomplete, the documented students who persisted earned UA degrees with an average GPA of 3.43 in slightly over 2 years.
- This policy brings the UA in line with the other Arizona public universities that accept the IGETC or the CSUGE toward their general education requirements.
- California students interested in transferring to an out-of-state institution may be more likely to apply to the UA. Knowing that their transfer course work will be applied as a block toward the UA General Education requirements, students will experience less stress about the transferring.

### **Management of the Policy:**

Students admitted with a certified IGETC or CSUGE will be identified in UAccess by the Office of Admissions or the Registrar's Office. The IGETC or CSUGE will be processed in UAccess by the Registrar's Office. The transfer course work will be applied to the General Education requirements by the Registrar's staff, just as they process course work for a certified AGEC.

Questions about how students with a certified IGETC or CSUGE will be admitted to the University should be addressed to an Office of Admissions Counselor on duty, at 621-3237, [appinfo@arizona.edu](mailto:appinfo@arizona.edu). Questions about how the IGETC or CSUGE satisfies the UA General Education Curriculum should be addressed to Celeste Pardee, Curriculum Associate, at 621-5375, [cpardee@u.arizona.edu](mailto:cpardee@u.arizona.edu).