

Policy on the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

Effective Term:

Spring 2011 for transfer students admitted with a certified IGETC.

Approved IGETC Policy – based on the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Policy in the 2010-2011 General Catalog:

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 \[link\]](#), 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 \[link\]](#) 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 \[link\]](#), (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.

**Note: For purposes of this transfer policy, the IGETC is identified; but completion of the CSUGE is equally acceptable in the same ways.*

Recommendation for Admissions:

Unconditional admission to the UA should be granted to transfer students with a certified IGETC or CSUGE and a cumulative 2.000 GPA.

Rationale for the Change:

- The IGETC block transfer agreement was approved in 1991 by California public colleges and universities. 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 General Education—as a pilot.
- Records on UA students admitted with an IGETC are incomplete (12 are documented); those who persisted earned degrees with an average GPA of 3.43 in slightly over 2 years.
- Both ASU and NAU have established policies to apply the IGETC course work toward their general education requirements as appropriate.

- Once an IGETC policy is implemented, California students who are interested in transferring to an out-of-state institution may be more likely to apply to the UA. When their transfer course work is applied as a block toward the UA General Education requirements, a potential obstacle will be removed and the stress of transferring will be reduced.

Approvals:

Undergraduate Council:	4/13/10
Graduate Council:	N/A
Academic Deans:	5/5/10
Administrative Review:	5/10/10
Faculty Senate:	9/13/10