

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

## GENERAL EDUCATION BREADTH (CSU GE-B)

### DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Certificate of Achievement

#### DESCRIPTION

Students transferring to the California State University system have the opportunity to complete their lower division general education requirements at Imperial Valley College (IVC). This pattern of general education consists of 39 semester units. Earning a CSU/GE-Breadth Certificate of Achievement will enable IVC to officially acknowledge the significant educational achievement the student has completed at IVC. For specific course identification that clear the CSU/GE-Breadth requirements for each section please see a Counselor for assistance.

CSU/GE-Breadth is separated into 5 separate academic areas. Each area requires a specific unit/course requirement(s). A grade of "C" or better for each course used to satisfy the CSU/GE-Breadth requirements is required. It is recommended, and at some CSU's required, that the CSU/GE-Breadth be completed in its entirety prior to transfer. Students who do not complete the entire program before transfer could be subject to the general education requirements of the campus or college to which they transfer.

#### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. See GE Program Outcomes/Course Alignment Grid at [www.imperial.edu/faculty-and-staff/campus-committess/student-learning-outcomes/](http://www.imperial.edu/faculty-and-staff/campus-committess/student-learning-outcomes/)

#### CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The **Certificate of Achievement** program is designed for students with personal or occupational goals who wish early employment. To qualify for the Certificate, a student must satisfy the following requirements: (1) complete all courses listed for a particular certificate.; (2) achieve a "C" average (2.0 GPA) for all courses used to complete the certificate; and, (3) file a Certificate Application form with Admissions and Records by the appropriate deadline(s) identified on the application.

#### TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

#### Transfer Resources:

[www.ASSIST.org](http://www.ASSIST.org) – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine

[www.CSUMentor.edu](http://www.CSUMentor.edu) – CSU System Information

[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html) - UC System Information

[www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu) – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of

<http://wiche.edu/wue> - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

#### FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: [www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/](http://www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/)

**Gainful Employment:** Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at IVC. Please click on our Programs of Study link to view the information for each certificate program: <http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/>

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## CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

### CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION BREADTH (CSU GE-B) CERTIFICATE

Students must complete a minimum of 39 semester units used to satisfy the CSU GE-B requirements.

ALL COURSES FOR THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION BREADTH (CSU GE-B) REQUIREMENTS For specific course identification that clear the CSU GE-B requirements for each section, please see a Counselor for assistance.	
AREA A – ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING (9 semester or 12/15 quarter units)	Minimum Units Required Per Area
Area A1: Oral Communication (3 semester/4 quarter units)	3
Area A2: Written Communication (3 semester/4 quarter units)	3
Area A3: Critical Thinking (3 semester/4 quarter units)	3
<b>AREA B – SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING</b> Minimum: 9 semester or 12/15 quarter units with at least one lab course from either area.	
Area B1: Physical Science – One course required	3
Area B2: Life Science – One course required	3
Area B3: Laboratory Activity – One Course required (see Area B1 and B2 for a laboratory course)	
Area B4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning – One Course required	3
<b>AREA C – ARTS AND HUMANITIES - Nine (9) semester or 12/15 quarter units</b> Three (3) courses, with at least one course from the Arts and one Course from the Humanities. The third course from either area.	
Area C1: Arts; Area C2: Humanities; <u>and</u> , one more course from either Area C1 <u>or</u> C2.	9
<b>AREA D – AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (AI) AND SOCIAL SCIENCE (Areas D0 thru D9)</b> Nine (9) semester or 12/15 quarter units. A least three courses from at least two (2) academic disciplines.	
Area AI/D6 (US-2/US-3): Political Science (POLS) 102	3
Area AI/DI (US-1): History (HIST) 120 <u>or</u> 121	3
Area D: Human Social, Political and Economic Institutions and Behavior – One course required	3
<b>AREA E – LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT</b> One Course (3 semester/4 quarter units)	
Area E: Understanding and Self Development	3
<b>TOTAL MINIMUM UNITS REQUIRED</b>	<b>39</b>

**NOTE - CSU/GE Certification:** Earning this Certificate of Achievement will not replace the CSU/GE Certification document. The "certification" of CSU General Education Breadth is a separate process. The student must request CSU/GE Certification at the time he/she requests a final IVC transcript to be sent to the CSU or other school he/she plans on attending.