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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Provost/Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs  
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SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for CSU Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

With the passage of AB 1460 and related policy changes (Education Code 89032), [CSU General Education Policy](#) was revised to include a three-unit lower division Ethnic Studies course as a general education requirement. This memorandum provides additional guidance on campus implementation, particularly as it applies to students who transfer to the California State University (CSU) from one of the California Community Colleges (CCC). This guidance considers catalog rights, continuous and non-continuous enrollment and how the new general education policy will be implemented.

**Catalog Rights and Continuous Enrollment**

The new [IGETC Standards 2.4](#) includes Area 7 Ethnic Studies **effective fall 2023**. In general, any student who begins their academic work at a CCC fall 2023 and beyond will be required to complete the new Area 7 general education requirement for IGETC.

Students who began at a CCC or CSU **prior to fall 2023, and maintained continuous enrollment**, will **not** be held to the Area 7 Ethnic Studies requirement based on their pre-2023 catalog rights.

**CSU Campuses**  
Bakersfield  
Channel Islands  
Chico  
Dominguez Hills  
East Bay

Fresno  
Fullerton  
Humboldt  
Long Beach  
Los Angeles  
Maritime Academy

Monterey Bay  
Northridge  
Pomona  
Sacramento  
San Bernardino  
San Diego

San Francisco  
San José San  
Luis Obispo  
San Marcos  
Sonoma  
Stanislaus



### **General Education IGETC Certification Prior to Fall 2023**

The following guidance applies to students who attended a CCC, stopped out and **did not maintain continuous enrollment**. If a transcript indicates completion of any of the following, the student is **NOT** required to complete a course in Ethnic Studies prior to graduation:

- Conferral of an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
- Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) certified

If a student stops out before completing any of the above mentioned academic milestones and is admitted to the CSU in fall 2023 or beyond, then they may lose catalog rights to a pre-2023 year and will be required to complete the Ethnic Studies general education requirement.

### **Technical Implementation**

To implement the new general education pattern, and in keeping with existing policy, the Division of Academic and Student Affairs (ASA) worked with the Common Management Systems (CMS) unit to develop a new PeopleSoft process. The process allows campuses to ensure that continuous enrollment is captured and that the appropriate catalog rights are maintained. Campuses may use this centrally developed modification or their own process, provided that the outcomes are equitable across all campuses. The newly developed CMS modification will be designed to provide sufficient logic and flexibility for campuses to use indefinitely, beyond this initial transition period.

Some campuses **offer multiple categories of catalog rights**: one for general education and one for the major. There are instances whereby students may claim pre-2023 catalog rights to use IGETC 2.4, but their selected major was established after that date. Therefore, if a new program or major was recently created, it is difficult for campuses to backdate the catalog year to a time before the major existed. To address this, a campus may create an exception to the Ethnic Studies requirement on a student-by-student basis. This is a manual intervention that is not feasible at a system level, but it is appropriate to address individual student circumstances.

Questions regarding admissions may be directed to Assistant Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management Services, Dr. April Grommo at [agrommo@calstate.edu](mailto:agrommo@calstate.edu); questions regarding General Education articulation and transfer may be directed to Assistant Vice Chancellor and State University Dean, Academic Programs, Dr. Brent Foster ([bfoster@calstate.edu](mailto:bfoster@calstate.edu)).

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