



### **APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION**

Certification of lower division CSU General Education Breadth requirements must be requested by students at the time final transcripts are due to their transfer institution.

- **CSU GE Breadth for STEM CERTIFICATION (33 units): Only permitted for an approved ADT Degree.** Please confirm the CSU major program or college you are applying to accepts **partial CSU GE Breadth certification**. Although CSU GE Breadth for STEM is an option, it is important that students prioritize completing major-preparation courses for the specific campuses and programs you are considering.

### **TOTAL UNIT REQUIREMENT**

A minimum of 39 semester units in Areas A-E are required for full certification of lower-division general education requirements. Although partial certification is allowed, please discuss this option with the receiving CSU transfer institution.

### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

A minimum of 2.0 ("C" average) or higher-Grade Point Average (GPA) is required, please check university catalogs for GPA requirements. Areas "A1, A2, A3" and "B4" (CSU Golden Four) require a minimum of "C" grade and must be completed prior to applying to the CSU.

### **DOUBLE-COUNTING**

Some California State Universities (CSU's) will allow HIST-111 U.S. History to 1877, HIST-111H Honors U.S. History to 1877, HIST-112 U.S. History Since 1865, HIST-112H Honors U.S. History Since 1865 or PS-101 Introduction to American Government and Politics, PS-101H Honors Introduction to American Government and Politics, PS-120 California Government or PS-120H Honors California Government to double count in Areas D6 or D8 and the U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals area. Students should consult the receiving CSU transfer institution about double counting. MSJC will allow double counting of these courses for Associate in Arts/Science degrees.

### **COURSES COMPLETED AT OTHER COLLEGES:**

Courses completed at another California Community College can be used in the CSU-GE Breadth certification. Coursework from other California Community Colleges is applied in the CSU-GE Breadth area determined by the original college. If courses are denied for certification, students may submit a petition to Enrollment Services in order to be able to use courses taken at UC, CSU, private or out-of-state schools for CSUGE Breadth certification. Petitions will be evaluated to determine if these courses are deemed equivalent and approved for MSJC's CSU-GE Breadth pattern.

### **AP Scores**

AP scores of 3, 4, or 5 can be used to satisfy any CSU-GE Breadth subject area where acceptable. AREA A3 (Critical Thinking) requirement does not have an acceptable AP exam or out-of-state equivalent. Please see AP chart in the MSJC catalog for approved courses.

### **IB Scores**

A score of 5, 6 or 7 on Higher Level exams is required to grant credit for CSU-GE Breadth certification. An acceptable IB score for CSU-GE equates to either 3 semester/4 quarter units for certification purposes. Students who have earned credit from an IB exam should not take a comparable college course, as transfer credit cannot be granted for both. Please see an MSJC Counselor for approved courses.

### **Military Service**

CSU Executive Order 1036 encourages campuses to use evidence of military training to satisfy AREA E (Lifelong Learning and Self- Development) for their students who enroll without a prior GE certification. Veteran students are able to provide proof of completion of basic training as listed on discharge papers, Form DD-214. All CSU campuses have elected to honor GE Breadth transfer certifications that clear AREA E (Lifelong Learning and Self-Development) with Form DD-214.

### **TRANSFER PLANNING**

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year university are urged to begin their planning as early as possible, and to meet with a Counselor to develop a comprehensive student education plan. All colleges and universities have specific admission requirements with specific major course preparation, unit requirements, and minimum grade averages that must be met prior to transfer. Effective transfer planning requires the following steps:

1. Selecting an appropriate college or university for transfer to meet your educational goal.
2. Selecting an appropriate A.A.-T or A.S.-T (ADT) transfer degree, appropriate transfer pattern or Liberal Arts "Area of Emphasis" to meet your educational goal.
3. Developing and completing an appropriate course of study in preparation for admission into university and major.
4. Completing the application process by going to [www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply) for application and deadline dates.

### **GENERAL EDUCATION OPTION B- see catalog for current Transfer Degrees**

This general education option allows students to complete transfer requirements while completing an Associate Degree at MSJC. These Degrees require a minimum of 60 (sixty) CSU transferable semester units with a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 and a minimum of 18 units within a specific degree pattern of designated courses located in the MSJC general catalog for A.A./A.S.-T (ADT or SB 1440), or a Liberal Arts with "Area of Emphasis" degrees and must be completed with grades of A, B, C or P. Of these 60 semester units, 12 units must be completed at MSJC per residency requirements.

**Every effort is made to keep this information current. Transfer and articulation are ongoing processes and courses are subject to changes on this option. Please use this information as a guideline and consult with a university representative or a MSJC Counselor for questions. Student are encouraged to visit <http://www.assist.org> for the current CSU and UC major preparation requirements for transfer and approved general education courses for MSJC. Students are encouraged to meet with a Counselor to develop a comprehensive educational plan.**