

# THE GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM\*

All baccalaureate students who enter Cal State L.A. Fall Quarter 1998 or later and who are subject to 1998-99 requirements in the 1997-99 general catalog or later shall complete the General Education program described below, in consultation with a faculty adviser. The requirements include a minimum of 60 lower division units and 12 upper division units, selected from approved themes, for a total of 72 units. In addition, at least 12 of the total 72 units must be earned at Cal State L.A. Students are urged to consult an academic adviser in their major department or school in selecting General Education courses. All students who are subject to the requirements of the 1987-89 or later catalog must earn a C average in their General Education program and minimum C grades (2.00 G.P.A.) in all Block A (basic subjects) courses. A 'C-' grade in Block A courses is not acceptable. All basic subjects must be completed within the first 45 units counted toward the baccalaureate degree.

## Configuration Of "Blocks" Of G. E. Courses

- A. BASIC SUBJECTS (16 units)** one course from each area
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| 1. Written Communication <b>** (4 units)</b> | 3. Critical Thinking <b>(4 units)</b>                                |
| 2. Oral Communication <b>(4 units)</b>       | 4. Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning <b>(4 units)</b> |
- A minimum C grade in all basic subjects courses is required of all students.**
- AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS (minimum of 8 units)**
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|------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| US History | US Constitution | State/Local Government |
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- All three areas must be met. POLS 150 meets both US Constitution and State/Local Government.
- B. NATURAL SCIENCES: 8 or 12 units from 2 or 3 different areas, based on the classification of the student's major as listed below.** A Biological and a Physical Science course with lab are required of all students. The third required course is an applied Natural Science course.
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| 1. Biological Science with lab <b>(4 units)</b> | 3. Applied Natural Science course <b>(4 units)</b> |
| 2. Physical Science with lab <b>(4 units)</b>   |  |
- C. HUMANITIES: 8 or 12 units from 2 or 3 different areas, based on the classification of the student's major as listed below.** Students must take either 8 units from 2 different areas or 12 units from 3 different areas. An integrated Humanities course may count as one of the area requirements.
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| 1. Literature and Drama | 3. Philosophy and Religious Studies | 5. Integrated Humanities course |
| 2. Arts                 | 4. Languages Other than English     |                                 |
- D. SOCIAL SCIENCES: 8 or 12 units from 2 or 3 different disciplines, based on the classification of the student's major as listed below.** Students must take either 8 units from 2 different disciplines or 12 units from 3 different disciplines. An integrated Social Science course may count as one of the required courses.
- E. LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT (4 units)**
- F. UPPER DIVISION THEME: (12 units)**
- Students must complete one course in each of the three discipline areas (Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Social Sciences, and Humanities) as required in a theme. Completion of basic subjects requirements (Block A) and at least one course each from blocks B, C, and D are prerequisites to all upper division theme courses.
- G. DIVERSITY REQUIREMENT: (2 courses)**
- Students must complete two courses certified as diversity courses. These courses may be completed at either the lower division or upper division level from among courses satisfying general education requirements in blocks C, D, E, and F. Diversity courses are designated as (d) by each course. Diversity courses are required for students who are subject to Fall, 1998 or later GE requirements.

*\*\*All students who entered Cal State L.A. Summer 1993 or later and who are subject to requirements in the 1993-95 or any later catalog are required to have two courses (ENGL 101 and 102 - 8 units) in Written Communication; however, only the first of the two courses (ENGL 101 - 4 units) is applied to General Education. Both courses must be completed with a C or higher grade*

### Summary of the Configuration of General Education Units

Configuration of Units								
A		B	C	D	E	F		
Basic Subjects	American Institutions	Natural Sciences	Humanities	Social Sciences	Lifelong Understanding & Self-Devel.	Lower Division Total	Upper Division Theme	General Education Total
16	8	8 or 12	8 or 12	8 or 12	4	60	12	72

\*Effective Fall Quarter 1998

## G.E. Classification of Majors

The Information Provided Below Will Assist You in Determining the Number of Units You Must Take in Natural Sciences (Block B), Humanities (Block C) and Social Sciences (Block D). Based on Your Major GE Courses are Listed in the General Education Lower Division Course Table on the Opposing Page

### **Natural Science-based Majors\*- 8 Units in Block B, 12 Units in Block C and 12 Units in Block D.**

Students majoring in the following programs must take **8** units of natural sciences (biological and physical, each with lab - **B1** and **B2**), **12** units of humanities, and **12** units of social sciences. Students majoring in biological science-based fields must take one physical science general education course and one other natural science G.E. course. Students majoring in physical science-based fields must take one biological science-based general education course and one other natural science G.E. course.

Biochemistry (BS)	Exercise Science (BS)	Microbiology (BS)
Biology (BS)	Food Science & Technology (BS)	Natural Science (BS)
Chemistry (BA, BS)	Health Science (BS)	Nursing (BS)
Computer Science (BS)**	Kinesiology (BS)	Nutritional Science (BS)
Engineering (BS)**	Mathematics (BA, BS)	Physics (BA, BS)
Geology (BS)		

### **Humanities-based Majors - 12 Units in Block B, 8 Units in Block C and 12 Units in Block D.**

Students majoring in the following programs must take **12** units of natural science (4 units in each of the areas - biological **B1**, physical **B2** and applied natural **B3**), **8** units of humanities, and **12** units of social sciences. Students majoring in humanities-based fields must take two humanities courses, one of which may be an integrated humanities course.

Art (BA)	Japanese (BA)	Spanish (BA)
Chinese (BA)	Liberal Studies (BA)	Television, Film and Media Studies (BA)
Communication (BA)	Music (BMus, BA)	Theatre Arts and Dance (BA)
English (BA)	Philosophy (BA)	
French (BA)		

### **Social Science-based Majors - 12 Units in Block B, 12 Units in Block C and 8 Units in Block D.**

Students majoring in the following programs must take **12** units of natural science (4 units in each of the areas - biological **B1**, physical **B2** and applied natural **B3**), **12** units of humanities, and **8** units of social sciences. Students majoring in social science-based fields must take two social science general education courses, one of which may be an integrated social science course.

Afro-American Studies (BA)	Economics (BA)	Psychology (BA)
Anthropology (BA)	Fire Protection Administration and Technology (BS)	Rehabilitation Services (BS)
Asian and Asian American Studies (BA)	Geography (BA)	Social Science (BA)
Aviation Administration (BS)	Graphic Communications (BS)	Social Work (BA)
Business Administration (BS)	History (BA)	Sociology (BA)
Child Development (BA)	Industrial Technology (BS)	Vocational Arts (BVE)
Communicative Disorders (BA)	Latin American Studies (BA)	Urban Learning (BA)
Computer Information Systems (BS)	Mexican-American Studies (BA)	
Criminal Justice (BS)	Political Science (BA)	

\* Students should choose general education courses in consultation with an academic adviser in their major department, division or school. This is **particularly important for science majors** whose General Education natural science requirements will differ from the courses listed in the General Education program.

\*\* GE program for Engineering and Computer Science majors is available in the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology. See a faculty adviser for details.