



# University Semester Freshman Graduation Requirements

## University Academic Advisement Center (UAAC)

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- **Introduction to Higher Education (IHE) Course - (3 units)**

Each college has a course designed to assist you in your transition from high school to the Cal State L.A. campus. It is recommended that you register for the IHE course taught by your major college but you can take any one of the courses listed in Content area E with the designation of (IHE). Completion of an IHE course will double count for Content area E and will fulfill 3 units of the Civic Learning/Community Engagement (cl) requirement.

You must pass the IHE course within your first two semesters. Certain majors may require you to take an additional course in Content area E. Consult with your major advisor for more information.

**\*Note:** Only one IHE course is required to satisfy graduation requirements. You will not be required to take another course if you change your major.

- **General Education**

The CSU requires that each baccalaureate student complete a program of general education breadth requirements in addition to their major program of study. This is a total of 39 semester units of lower division General Education courses and 9 semester units of upper division General Education courses. An overall 2.0 cumulative g.p.a. is required for **all** general education courses. Students are urged to consult with an academic advisor in the first semester of attendance for assistance in selecting general education courses.

General Education requirements may differ for certain majors. Please contact your major advisor or College Advisement Center for more information <http://www.calstatela.edu/academicadvisementcenter/advisement-centers>

#### Lower Division GE Requirements (39 units)

| A              | AI                    | B  | C                   | D              | E   |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------|----------------|---|
| Basic Subjects | American Institutions | Natural Science and Mathematics/<br>Quantitative Reasoning | Arts and Humanities | Social Science | Lifelong Understanding & Self Development |
| <b>9 units</b> | <b>6 units</b>        | <b>9 units</b>   | <b>6 units</b>      | <b>6 units</b> | <b>3 units</b>                            |

**A – Basic Subjects:** The Basic Subject courses require a grade of C- or better to pass. Block A should be completed within your first 30 units.

**AI - American Institutions:** Complete **one** course in **EACH** area: 1. U.S. History **and** 2. U.S. Constitution-State/Local Government

**B - Natural Science and Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning:** Take **two** courses from two of the three areas: B1, B2, **or** B3 **AND** take **one** course from B4, which requires a grade of C- or better to pass.

**C – Arts & Humanities:** Take **one** course from C1 and **one** course from C2.

**D – Social Science:** Take two courses from **two** different disciplines.

**E - Lifelong Understanding & Self Development:** For Freshmen, the IHE course will fulfill this block unless their major requires another course.

- **Diversity Requirement - (6 Units) [diversity (d) and race and ethnicity (re) courses]**

You are required to complete **two** courses certified as diversity courses. **One** course designated as **diversity (d)** and **one** course designated as **race and ethnicity (re)** or you can take **two** (re) courses. You **may not** fulfill the requirement by taking two courses designated as diversity (d) courses. Check the *University Catalog* and *Schedule of Classes*, for the Lower and Upper Division GE Requirements, diversity courses are designated by a (d) and race and ethnicity courses are designated by a (re).

- **Civic Learning/Community Engagement - (6 Units) – (cl)**

First time freshmen are required to complete a total of **two** courses certified as Civic Learning/Community Engagement. Students will complete 3 units of (cl) in their IHE course. The other 3 units of (cl) must be completed by choosing a course in the Upper Division GE Requirements that contains the Civic Learning/Community Engagement (cl) component. These courses are designated by a (cl) in the *University Catalog* and *Schedule of Classes*.

- **Writing Intensive Courses - (3 Units) – (wi)**

In addition to composition courses taken from Content areas A2 and A3, students will complete one writing intensive course in the major. These courses are designated by a (wi) in the *University Catalog and Schedule of Classes*.

- **Upper Division GE Requirements - (9 units)**

All Cal State L.A. students must complete a total of nine units from the Upper Division GE Requirements. At least one course (3 units) must contain a Civic Learning/Community Engagement (cl) component. Content area A and at least one course each from Areas B, C and D are the prerequisites to all Upper Division GE Requirement courses. Check the *University Catalog or Schedule of Classes* for the Upper Division GE Requirements.

Select and complete **one course from each** of the following areas:

**Natural Science and Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Arts and Humanities:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Science:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Note:** You cannot take courses from your major to satisfy the Upper Division GE Requirement (unless the department has prior approval, check with your major advisor).

- **Advanced Placement Credit (AP)**

Cal State L.A. grants credit toward its undergraduate degree for successful completion of examinations of the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board. Refer to the University Catalog for AP classes/examination scores for which the University grants credit.

- **Transfer Courses**

Students interested in finding course equivalents for transfer credit taken from community colleges should refer to <http://www.assist.org> and meet with an advisor in the UAAC or their major <http://www.calstatela.edu/academicadvisement-center/advisement-centers>