A total of 39 units of lower division general education may be certified by Folsom Lake College (note GE represents part of the 60 units required to transfer as an upper division transfer student).

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE STUDENT SEEK THE AID OF A COUNSELOR WHEN SELECTING COURSES. SINCE MANY VARIABLES, LIKE CHOICE OF MAJOR, AFFECTS APPROPRIATE COURSE SELECTION. Students completing 39 units, as specified in the General Education pattern below, may request “Certification” of completion at the time of transfer to any of the campuses of The California State University. Courses that are listed in more than one area may only be used to satisfy the requirements in a single area. Some campuses/majors limit the use of “double-counting” of courses for fulfillment of General Education/Breadth and Major requirements. See a Counselor for more information regarding limitations.

AREA A – ORAL and WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, and CRITICAL THINKING (“C” grade or better required)
9 units, with one course from each group:

A1 Oral Communication:
   Communications Studies 301, 311, 331, 361

A2 Written Communication:
   English-Writing 300

A3 Critical Thinking:
   Communications Studies 311, 315; English-Reading 310; English-Writing 301, 302; Philosophy 300, 320, 328

AREA B – PHYSICAL UNIVERSE and ITS LIFE FORMS – 9 to 12 Units total, with at least 3 units from each group. At least one course from the Physical Sciences or Life Forms must include a Laboratory (A single * indicates a lab-only course, which must be completed with the associated lecture course; a double ** indicates courses with combined lecture and lab).

B1 Physical Sciences:
   Course(s) from other college(s): ____________________________ College Name: ____________________________

B2 Life Forms:
   Environmental Technology 304, Natural Resources 320**; Psychology 312**
   Course(s) from other college(s): ____________________________ College Name: ____________________________

B4 Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning ("C" grade or better required):
   Mathematics 310, 335, 343, 350, 351, 370, 400, 401, 402, 410, 420; Psychology 330; Statistics 300
   Course(s) from other college(s): ____________________________ College Name: ____________________________

AREA C – ARTS, FOREIGN LANGUAGES, LITERATURE and PHILOSOPHY – 9 units minimum, with AT LEAST one course from Arts, and one from Humanities

C1 Arts:
   Art-History 300, 303, 304, 306, 307, 309, 311, 312, 313, 314, 318, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 333; Art 300, 302, 304, 305, 312, 320, 323, 327, 328, 370, 372, 430; Communication Studies 305; Communications Media 305; Film & Media Studies 300; Dance 380; Music Fundamentals, History & Literature 300, 310, 311, 321, 330, 400, 401, 410; Music Instrumental/Voice Instruction 310, 311, 370; Music Performance 350, 357; Theatre Arts 300, 302, 303, 304, 310, 314, 315
   Course(s) from other college(s): ____________________________ College Name: ____________________________

C2 Humanities:
   English-Creative Writing 400, 410; English-Literature 303, 310, 311, 313, 319, 320, 321, 330, 339, 340, 341, 345, 360, 370, 402; English-Writing 301; French 401, 402, 411, 412; History 307, 308; Humanities 300, 310, 320, 325, 332, Philosophy 304, 310, 330, 331, 338, 350, 352, 356, 358, 360; Sign Language Studies 315, 316; Spanish 401, 402, 411, 412
   Course(s) from other college(s): ____________________________ College Name: ____________________________

AREA D (D0-D9) – SOCIAL and BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES – 9 units minimum (An ^ ^ denotes courses that satisfy CSUS’ Race and Ethnicity Grad Requirement)

C1 American History and Institutions:
   can be met by one of the following combinations:
   6 semester units, choose one two-course combination from Group 1 or Group 2
   Group 1: One course from History 312, 313, or 331 paired with Political Science 301 OR:
   Group 2: History 312 paired with one course from History 313 or 314
   Course(s) from other college(s): ____________________________ College Name: ____________________________

C2 3 units, selected from the following:
   Anthropology 310, 319, 320, 330; Business 330, 345; Communications Studies 325^ ^, 341, 351*, 363; Communications Media 300*; Economics 302, 304; Early Childhood Education 312*; Family & Consumer Science 324*; Geography 310, 322; Gerontology 300; History 307, 308, 319, 344, Journalism 310; Nutrition 310; Philosophy 360; Political Science 302, 310; Psychology 300, 312, 320, 335, 340, 368^ ^, 370* 372; Sociology 300, 301, 310, 321^ ^, 335
   Course(s) from other college(s): ____________________________ College Name: ____________________________

AREA E – LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING and DEVELOPMENT – 3 units minimum

Communications Studies 321; Early Childhood Education 314*; English Education 325; Family & Consumer Sciences 324*; Gerontology 300; Health Education 300, 350; Human & Career Development 310; Human Services 302; Nutrition 300, 302; Physical Education Activity (not more than one unit of PE activity may count in Area E); Physical Education-Theory 301; Psychology 340, 354, 355, 356, 360, 370*; Sociology 310, 335

Course from other college: ____________________________ College Name: ____________________________

Military Service Credit Clears Area E: Requires copy of DD-214

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NOTE: Courses marked with a single "*" have credit limitations – see a Counselor for more information

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Common Questions about the CSU General Education Pattern

1. **What is the CSU General Education Certification pattern?**
The CSU GE plan is a pattern of coursework that allows students to fulfill 39 units of general education requirements prior to transfer.

2. **Is completion of the CSU General Education Certification plan an admissions requirement?**
No. Completion of the CSU GE plan is not an admissions requirement. However, students are advised to complete the pattern and their major preparation courses prior to transfer (see www.assist.org for pre-major courses required).

3. **Is it advisable for all CSU transfer students to follow the GE Certification pattern?**
No. Students pursuing majors that require extensive major preparation courses, such as Engineering and Sciences, may find following the plan not to be advantageous.

4. **What will happen if the entire CSU GE Certification plan is not completed prior to transfer?**
If the entire CSU GE Certification plan is not completed prior to transfer, students may still be partially certified in those areas that have been completed. For the areas not completed, students will be subject to the lower division general education requirements at the campus to which they transfer. These requirements vary from campus to campus.

5. **Is a minimum grade required in all courses used for CSU certification?**
No. Courses with a grade of “D” are acceptable to fulfill most areas provided that the student has a cumulative transferable GPA of 2.0 or higher. The following areas in the pattern require at least a “C” grade: **A1, A2, A3, and B4** (these are known as the “Golden Four”). If you fail to earn at least a C in these areas, this could put your CSU admission in jeopardy. Please check with a counselor.

6. **May students “double-count” courses towards major and general education requirements?**
Yes. Students may “double-count” courses towards major and general education requirements. However, some CSU campuses have limits on the number of courses that can be double-counted. Please check with a counselor regarding this policy. To see which classes are needed to prepare for your transfer major, go to www.assist.org.

7. **May “pass/no pass” courses be used towards CSU GE requirements?**
Yes. Courses in which a student receives a “pass” grade may be used towards CSU GE requirements. Some CSU campuses have limitations on the number of “pass/no pass” courses that may be used towards degree requirements. If taking a course to satisfy CSU GE Breadth and preparation for the major, it is advisable to take the class for a letter grade.

8. **What does it mean to have your transcript certified?**
When a student requests CSU certification, the community college verifies that the student has completed courses that satisfy all or a portion of the 39 units of CSU general education requirements. An official notice is placed on the student’s transcript in addition to a copy of the certification being mailed to the CSU the student chooses to attend.

9. **When do I apply for CSU certification?**
Students should apply for certification at the end of their last semester at FLC before transferring. This requires a counseling appointment. If courses from another college are being used towards certification, we must have official transcripts on file at the Admissions Office. If you have taken Advanced Placement (AP), or CLEP tests, you must also have a copy of your College Board transcript sent the Admissions Office. Additionally, if you have International Baccalaureate (IB) credit, scores must be sent directly from the IB organization to the Admissions Office.