

Question and Answers for General Education Pathway for the Baccalaureate Degree

Question 1:

How many current baccalaureate programs and/or feeder programs would this new proposal impact across the district? (And would the new proposed pathway options automatically apply to future baccalaureate programs in our district too?)

City College:

- Existing Programs eligible for option 4:
 - Visual and Performing Arts
 - Language Arts and Humanities
 - Scientific Studies:
 - Biological Science
 - Mathematics and Pre-Engineering
 - Physical and Earth Sciences Specialization
 - Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - Nursing Education
- Associate Degree(s) that would be added:
 - Cybersecurity, Associate of Science Degree

Mesa College:

- Existing Programs eligible for option 4:
 - Arts Studies
 - Business Studies
 - Language Arts and Humanities Studies
 - Language Arts and Humanities-Chinese
 - Language Arts and Humanities-French
 - Language Arts and Humanities-German
 - Language Arts and Humanities-Italian
 - Language Arts and Humanities-Japanese
 - Language Arts and Humanities-Russian
 - Language Arts and Humanities-Spanish
 - Language Arts and Humanities-Vietnamese
 - Mathematics and Pre-Engineering Studies
 - Mathematics and Pre-Engineering Studies-Computer Science
 - Mathematics and Pre-Engineering Studies-Engineering
 - Mathematics and Pre-Engineering Studies-Mathematics
 - Science Studies-
 - Science Studies-Biological Science

- Science Studies-Chemistry
 - Science Studies-Kinesiology and Nutrition
 - Science Studies-Physics
 - Science Studies-Pre-nursing
- Social and Behavioral Science Studies
 - Social and Behavioral Science Studies-Anthropology
 - Social and Behavioral Science Studies-Child Development
 - Social and Behavioral Science Studies-Economics
 - Social and Behavioral Science Studies-History
 - Social and Behavioral Science Studies-Human Development
 - Social and Behavioral Science Studies-Political Science
 - Social and Behavioral Science Studies-Social Sciences
 - Social and Behavioral Science Studies-Woman's Studies
- Associate Degree(s) that would be added:
 - Health Information Technology, Associate of Science Degree
 - Physical Therapist Assistant, Associate of Science Degree (pending approval)

Miramar College

- Existing Programs eligible for option 4:
 - Art/Visual Studies
 - Biology Studies
 - Chemistry Studies
 - Earth Science Studies
 - English/Literature Studies
 - Exercise and Nutritional Sciences
 - Human Development Studies
 - Humanities Studies
 - Mathematics Studies
 - Music Studies
 - Occupational/Technical Studies
 - Pre-Engineering Studies
 - Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - World Language Studies
- Associate Degrees that would be added:
 - Associate of Science: Public Safety Management
 - Associate of Science: Company Officer Certification
 - Associate of Science: Entry Level Firefighter
 - Associate of Science: Open Water Lifeguard
 - Associate of Science: Administration of Justice
 - Associate of Science: Contemporary Police Technologies
 - Associate of Science: Law Enforcement
 - Associate of Science: Correctional Technologies
 - Associate of Science: Investigations Specialization

- Associate of Science: Emergency Medical Technology and Paramedic

Question 2:

How are the 36 units in Options #1 and #4 different than the CALGETC pathway specifically? (For example, what disciplines are most impacted, and type of courses would not be required under Options #1 and #4 that are currently required under CALGETC?) Do Options #1 and #4 eliminate requirements in Exercise Science, American Institutions, and Multicultural ed requirements?

Option 1 includes the following District Requirements:

- American Institutions
 - 6 units- may be double counted
- Health Education
 - waived for students who earn degrees in Nursing Education, Physical Therapist Assistant, graduates of certified paramedics programs, U.S. Veterans, and active duty U.S. Military Personnel
- Exercise Science
 - Administration of Justice 127A, 127B, 127C, 127D, 128A,128B, 128C, 128D, 323, 381 and 382 are also acceptable.
 - Fire Protection Technology 100D, 150A, 150B, 160, 360A, 380W, 381F are also acceptable.
- Multicultural Studies
 - can be double counted with Ethnic studies—if a student takes CHIC 110A, they can use it for Ethnic Studies in Cal-GETC or Local GE as well as multicultural studies);
 - Multicultural Studies may also be double counted in Social and Behavioral Sciences and/or Humanities

As you can see above

- American Institutions and Multicultural Studies can double counted.
- Most Miramar students fulfill the Exercise Science requirement in their majors
- Many Miramar students fulfill the Health Education in their majors.

Option 4: Is SDCCD General Education without SDCCD district requirements.

Question 3:

Under the new proposal, would credit for prior learning satisfy some of the 36 GE units under this pathway? And do pathways like the CALGETC not allow this?

With the exception of Standardized Exams including Advanced Placement Exams (AP) and International Baccalaureate Credit (IB); Credit for Prior Learning is not usually approved for general education courses; particularly if they have UC approval.

- AP and IB are exceptions because the UCs and CSUs indicate which exams they will accept and which areas;
- The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office mandates how the CCCs have to accept credit for AP and IB exams for the general education areas and the units awarded.

*Note: unless indicated in the college catalog, course credit is not given for the exams; general education is cleared as indicated in the catalog.

Aside from AP and IB exams, UC only accepts credit by exam as a form of credit for prior learning. The SDCCD Articulation Officers are very contentious which CSU and UC transferable courses are approved for credit for prior learning. Here's a [link](#) to the current courses approved for CPL.

Here are examples of AP and IB credit, note we will update the catalog with Cal-GETC in the 2025-2026 catalog

International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit

EXAM AND REQUIRED SCORE	UNIT REQUIREMENTS FULFILLED	GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) REQUIREMENTS FULFILLED	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FULFILLED
Biology 5-7 Higher Level	SDCCD: 6 semester units CSU: 6 semester units UC: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units	SDCCD GE: 3 semester units towards Area 5 CSU GE: 3 semester units towards Area B2 IGETC: 3 semester units towards Area 5B	SDCCD: N/A
Chemistry 5-7 Higher Level	SDCCD: 6 semester units CSU: 6 semester units UC: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units	SDCCD GE: 3 semester units towards Area 5 CSU GE: 3 semester units towards Area B1 IGETC: 3 semester units towards Area 5A	SDCCD: N/A
Economics 5-7 Higher Level	SDCCD: 6 semester units CSU: 6 semester units UC: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units	SDCCD GE: 3 semester units towards Area 4 CSU GE: 3 semester units towards Area D IGETC: 3 semester units towards Area 4	SDCCD: ECON 120 & ECON 121

Advanced Placement Test (AP)

EXAM AND REQUIRED SCORE	UNIT REQUIREMENTS FULFILLED	GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) REQUIREMENTS FULFILLED	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FULFILLED
Art History 3, 4, or 5 <i>Exam taken prior to Fall 2009</i>	SDCCD: 6 semester units CSU: 6 semester units UC: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units	SDCCD GE: 3 semester units towards Area 3 CSU GE: 3 semester units towards Area C1 IGETC: 3 semester units towards Area 3A or 3B	SDCCD: ARTF 110 <u>or</u> ARTF 111
Art History 3, 4, or 5 <i>Exam taken Fall 2009 or later</i>	SDCCD: 6 semester units CSU: 6 semester units UC: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units	SDCCD GE: 3 semester units towards Area 3 CSU GE: 3 semester units towards Area C1 <u>or</u> C2 IGETC: 3 semester units towards Area 3A <u>or</u> 3B	SDCCD: ARTF 110 <u>or</u> ARTF 111
Biology 3, 4, or 5	SDCCD: 6 semester units CSU: 6 semester units UC: 8 quarter/5.3 semester units	SDCCD GE: 4 semester units towards Area 5 CSU GE: 4 semester units towards Area B2 & B3 IGETC: 4 semester units towards Area 5B & 5C	SDCCD: N/A