This document is a transfer pattern and planning guide for California State Universities and Colleges for the academic year 2015-2016, specifically option B - Transfer Emphasis. It outlines the general education graduation requirements and provides a list of courses and units needed for graduation. The document is divided into several sections: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking, Scientific Inquiry / Quantitative Reasoning, Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, and Lifelong Learning and Self-Development. Each section contains a list of courses and units that must be completed to fulfill the requirements. The document also includes a note on cross-listed courses and a form for DD-214 completion. The guide is designed to help students plan their coursework and ensure they meet the necessary requirements for transfer to a California State University.
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

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

TOTAL UNIT REQUIREMENT

A minimum of 39 semester units in Areas A-E is 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 college and university catalogs for GPA requirements. Areas “A1, A2, A3” and “B4” 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 History 111, 111H, 112, 112H or Political Science 101, 101H, 120 or 120H to double count in Areas D6 or D8 and the U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals section. Students should consult the receiving CSU transfer institution about double counting. For our purposes, MSJC will allow double counting of these courses for Associate in Arts/Science degrees.

COURSES COMPLETED AT OTHER COLLEGES:

Courses completed at any California Community College can be used in the CSU-GE Breadth certification. Students should be aware however that coursework from other California Community Colleges would be applied in the CSU-GE Breadth category determined by the original college. If courses are denied for certification, students may submit a petition to Enrollment Services Office to use courses taken at UC, CSU, private or out-of-state schools for CSU-GE Breadth certification. Petitions will be evaluated to determine if these courses are equivalent courses 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, the Critical Thinking/English Composition requirement does not have an acceptable AP exam or out-of-state equivalent. Please see catalog chart 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 or 4 quarter units for certification purposes. Students who have earned credit from an IB exam should not take a comparable college course because transfer credit will not 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 for their students who enroll without a prior certification in GE. Typically the evidence is the completion of basic training as listed on the veteran’s discharge papers, Form DD-214. All CSU campuses have elected to honor GE Breadth transfer certifications that clear Area E Lifelong Learning with a DD-214.

TRANSFER PLANNING

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year university are urged to begin their planning as early as possible. All colleges and universities have specific admissions requirements and many have special course and unit requirements, as well as minimum grade averages that must be met prior to transfer. Effective transfer planning requires the following steps:

I. Selecting an appropriate college or university for transfer to meet your educational goal.
II. Selecting an appropriate A.A.-T or A.S.-T transfer degree, appropriate transfer pattern or Liberal Arts “Area of Emphasis” to meet your educational goal.
III. Developing and completing an appropriate course of study in preparation for admission into university and major.
IV. Completing the application process by going to www.csumentor.edu for application and deadline dates.

GENERAL EDUCATION OPTION B- see catalog for current Transfer Degrees

This general education option provides students the opportunity to complete transfer curriculum while completing an Associate Degree at Mt. San Jacinto College. These Degrees require sixty (60) CSU transferable semester units with an overall G.P.A. of 2.0 and a minimum of 18 units within a specific degree pattern of designated courses located in the 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 Mt. San Jacinto College for residency. The approved general education courses are listed on the reverse and any remaining units should be selected from the intended major preparation for the intended transfer institution or as elective coursework. Please see an MSJC Counselor for an educational plan to expedite these degree options.

Comments

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Every effort is made to keep this information current. Articulation is an ongoing project and subject to modification. Please use this information as a guideline and consult with a university representative or a Mt. San Jacinto College Counselor. Also refer to www.assist.org for the current CSU General Education list for MSJC.