
Changes to CSM GE Requirements - Self-Development & Physical Education

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Please see this important message below from our CSM Curriculum Chair, Jeramy Wallace:

Colleagues,

Last fall, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) amended Title 5, section 55060: Associate's Degree Requirements to mirror the new Cal-GETC transfer pathway, which will replace the IGETC and CSU Breadth GE patterns in Fall 2025.

The new Title 5 Associate's Degree General Education requirements (and minimum units) are as follows:

- Area 1A: English Composition (3 units)
- Area 1B: Communications and Analytical Thinking (3)
- Area 2: Math (3)
- Area 3: Arts & Humanities (3)
- Area 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences (3)
- Area 5: Natural and Physical Sciences (3)
- Area 6: Ethnic Studies (3)

There are a couple of components I wish to highlight. First, the new GE requirements have removed the Self-Development and Lifelong Learning area. Second, the CSM GE requirements currently include Physical Education and American History and Institutions (AH&I), which are not reflected in the new areas. Third, CSM has a number of competencies - English, mathematics, and information competency - that we need to look at, especially English and mathematics, which are included in the GE requirements (our current GE requirements do not have a math area, just a competency).

All three colleges in the District must change their local GE requirements to align with the new Title 5 requirements effective Fall 2025, and at the SMCCCD Curriculum Institute in January, the three curriculum chairs, the academic senate presidents, and administration agreed that we want to align any requirements beyond Title 5 as much as possible. We also agreed that self-development and physical education are important parts of a well-rounded, liberal arts education. Thus, the three colleges will be facilitating discussions with their respective faculty members to determine how self-development and physical education should be integrated into our local GE requirements. District Academic Senate President Lindsay Ayotte sent - on behalf of District Curriculum Chair Jessica Hurless - a memo with the possible options for self-development and physical education. We would like to arrive at a decision by the end of this semester, so that our local AA and AS degrees can go through our curriculum process in the fall. (Note: we will be looking at AH&I and the competencies in the fall. Also note: ADT GE requirements are not affected by these discussions). I have attached the memo.

To start our college-wide conversations about self-development and physical education, the curriculum committee and Office of Instruction will be hosting a number of forums so that you all can provide input and feedback. The forums will be at the following times:

- **Wednesday, February 28th, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (18-206)**
- **Wednesday, February 28th, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (18-206)**
- **Thursday, February 29th, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (18-206)**

No RSVP is needed, just show up if you would like to provide input. There will also be an April district-wide forum. The day and time are TBD. The CSM Curriculum Committee will make its recommendation late-April/early-May, so if you'd like to provide input on what we should do with self-development and physical education, please attend one of the forums.

I hope to see you there,
Jeramy Wallace