

# CERTIFICATE IN GENERAL STUDIES

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## New Program Proposal

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**Academic Group: (College)**

Special Programs

**Academic Organization: (Department)**

General Education

**Catalog Year Effective:**

2025-2026 Catalog

NOTE: This degree major program will be subject to program review evaluation within six years after implementation.

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**Type of Program Proposal:**

Certificate

**Is this a pilot program?**

No

**Delivery Format:**

Fully Face to Face

**Title of the Program:**

Certificate in General Studies

**Designation: (degree terminology)**

General Education

**Abstract of the proposal:**

The Certificate of General Studies (GE Certificate) is awarded to matriculated Sacramento State students upon their completion of 60 units, which must include completion of the lower division CSU General Education pattern. The purpose of the GE Certificate is to mark the achievement of Sacramento State students who complete a program of study analogous to an Associate Degree (AA, AS, ADT) in the California Community Colleges.

**Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:**

The Certificate of General Studies does not create a new academic program, but rather marks a milestone achievement for our undergraduate students as they complete the existing GE program. The CSU and CSUS GE Programs are long established, have been approved by faculty, and are overseen by three Faculty Senate Committees (GEGRPC, GECRCRS, R&W Subcommittee).

Unlike Community College transfer students that typically receive an Associate Degree (AA, AS, ADT), students that start their college career at Sacramento State do not receive incremental certificates during their progress as they complete major milestones. Further, as enrollment across the country is dropping and student retention issues are increasing, the GE Certificate may also provide an alternate motivation for students to continue their education and their pathway to graduation.

**University Learning Goals****Undergraduate Learning Goals:**

Knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world  
Intellectual and practical skills  
Personal and social responsibility  
Integrative learning

**Program Learning Outcomes****Program Learning Outcomes****Learning Outcome**

1. Read, write, and understand relatively complex and sophisticated English prose.
2. Construct a non-fallacious verbal argument, recognize fallacious arguments, and follow the verbal arguments of others
3. Find and use common information resources, engage in specialized library research, use computers, and seek out appropriate expert opinion and advice
4. Use mathematical ideas to accomplish a variety of tasks
5. Gain a general understanding of current theory, concepts, knowledge, and scientific methods pertaining to the nature of the physical universe, ecosystems, and life on this planet
6. Develop an acquaintance and understanding of cultures and major dynamic social institutions which affect one's life
7. Possess a significant and useful understanding of peoples from a diversity of cultures and backgrounds, including women and ethnic and other minority groups who have been the objects of prejudice and adverse discrimination within our society

**Learning Outcomes Display**

Course Code	PLO 1	PLO 2	PLO 3	PLO 4	PLO 5	PLO 6	PLO 7
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**Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?**

No

**Please attach a Comprehensive Program Assessment Plan (required)**

Program Assessment Plan GE Certificate.pdf

**Please attach a Curriculum Map Matrix (required)**

Curriculum Map GE Certificate.pdf

**Please attach a five-year budget projection (required)**

Budget projection certificate.pdf

**Please attach the Smart Planner roadmap:**

Certificate of General Studies--Roadmap.docx

**Catalog Description:**

## Program Description

The Certificate of General Studies is awarded to matriculated Sacramento State students upon their completion of 60 units, which must include completion of the lower division CSU General Education pattern. The GE Certificate marks the achievement of Sacramento State students' completion of a program of study that would earn an Associate Degree (AA, AS, ADT) in the California Community Colleges. None of the courses in the Certificate Program have prerequisites.

**Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.**

## Admission Requirements

All Sacramento State students are automatically considered for the GE Certificate and do not need to complete an application.

**Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)**

## Program Requirements

Completion of 60 units with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Completion of the CSU General Education pattern, as defined by the catalog year of the student with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

30 of the 60 units must be completed in residence as a matriculated Sacramento State student. The Sacramento State GPA must be 2.0 or higher.

**Attach the results of a formal survey in the geographical area to be served indicating demand for individuals who have earned the proposed degree and evidence of serious student interest in majoring in the proposed program:**

Certificate of General Studies--Demand.docx

**For graduate programs, the number of declared undergraduate major and the degree production over the preceding years of the corresponding baccalaureate program:**

N/A

**Professional uses of the proposed degree major program:**

The Program certifies that the student has completed the CSU lower division GE Pattern and 60 units. It is designed to provide Sac State students who complete program requirements certification analogous to an associates degree. It levels the playing field for CSUS students who complete GE and 60 units with those who complete an associates program.

## The expected number of majors in:

**1st Year Enrollment:**

7000

**3rd Year Enrollment:**

7000

**5th Year Enrollment:**

7000

**1st Year Graduates:**

3000

**3rd Year Graduates:**

3000

**5th Year Graduates:**

3000

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