

UNIVERSITY STUDIES

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE IN UNIVERSITY STUDIES

The Associate in Arts degree program in University Studies allows students to prepare to transfer to the California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC). It is designed to facilitate the transfer of Irvine Valley College students to the CSU or UC and prepare them as fully as possible to move ahead with their studies.

The program provides students the opportunity to fulfill their lower-division general education requirements at IVC by completing either the CSU General Education Certification pattern or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC). In addition, students complete a minimum total of 60 units of UC or CSU degree-applicable credit, of which at least 18 units are lower-division preparation for a major within the CSU or UC system.

To fulfill graduation requirements, students must complete at least 12 units in residence at Irvine Valley College. They must earn a minimum GPA of 2.0* in all units attempted at Irvine Valley College and a combined 2.0 GPA including all work transferred to IVC that is to be included in the degree evaluation.

* Students must maintain a 2.4 GPA to be eligible to transfer to a UC campus.

MAJOR EMPHASIS

University Studies degrees will be issued with an emphasis based on the lower-division preparation that the student has completed for the major. The name of the emphasis will be taken from the majors as listed on pages 52 and 53 (e.g., University Studies, Computer Languages Emphasis, or University Studies, English: Literature Emphasis), not that of the major at the transfer institution.

Please Note:

- Successful completion of the requirements for the Associate in Arts degree in University Studies does not guarantee admission to the CSU or UC or to a specific campus or major.
- Students should develop an educational plan as soon as possible. It is best to consult an IVC counselor or university admissions representative to determine a plan of action before beginning a course of study.
- Certification for CSU or IGETC does not occur automatically upon completion of all courses. Students must request certification in the IVC Office of Admissions and Records.
- Following the IGETC is helpful to many, but not all, students. Those who plan to transfer into a major that requires extensive lower-division preparation, such as engineering or the physical and natural sciences, should concentrate on completing the many prerequisites that the transfer institution evaluates to determine the student's eligibility for admission in the major.
- To receive a degree, students must file a petition for graduation with the IVC Office of Admissions and Records according to published deadlines.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: UNIVERSITY STUDIES

OPTION 1: CSU CERTIFICATION

1. Complete the CSU General Education Certification pattern.

Courses in Area A (Communication in the English Language and Critical Thinking) and Area B 4 (Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning) must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

AND

2. Complete a minimum of 18 CSU-transferable units identified as lower-division major preparation within the CSU system.

If there are fewer than 18 units articulated in the transfer major, students may select additional units from the courses that comprise their major emphasis as it is defined in the IVC catalog. All courses must be approved for CSU credit (numbered 1-199). Students should consult a counselor for assistance in choosing courses.

AND

3. Complete additional elective courses numbered 1-199 as necessary to achieve 60 total units.

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OPTION 2: IGETC CERTIFICATION, CSU SYSTEM

- 1. Complete the IGETC Certification pattern.**
All IGETC courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
AND
- 2. Complete a minimum of 18 CSU-transferable units identified as lower-division major preparation within the CSU system.**
If there are fewer than 18 units articulated in the transfer major, students may select additional units from the courses that comprise their major emphasis as it is defined in the IVC catalog. All courses must be approved for CSU credit (numbered 1-199). Students should consult a counselor for assistance in choosing courses.
AND
- 3. Complete additional elective courses numbered 1–199 as necessary to achieve 60 total units.**

OPTION 3: IGETC CERTIFICATION, UC SYSTEM

- 1. Complete the IGETC Certification pattern.**
All IGETC courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
AND
- 2. Complete a minimum of 18 UC-transferable units identified as lower-division major preparation within the UC system.**
If there are fewer than 18 units articulated in the transfer major, students may select additional units from the courses that comprise their major emphasis as it is defined in the IVC catalog. All courses must be approved for UC credit (listed on the UC Transfer Course Agreement). Students should consult a counselor for assistance in choosing courses.
AND
- 3. Complete additional elective courses from the UC Transfer Course Agreement as necessary to achieve 60 total units.**