

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)—or another university that accepts IGETC or CSU Certification—with their lower-division general education requirements met.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: UNIVERSITY STUDIES

1. **Complete**
 - A. **The CSU General Education Certification pattern, a minimum of 39 units.**
 - OR**
 - B. **The IGETC Certification pattern, a minimum of 36 units.**
2. **Complete additional CSU- or UC-transferable courses to reach the minimum total of 60 units required for graduation. Students are advised to consult with a counselor to select courses identified as lower-division preparation for their transfer major.**

Students who complete a minimum of 18 transferable units of courses identified as lower-division major preparation may qualify for the **Associate in Arts degree in University Studies with an emphasis**—for example, University Studies, Emphasis in Psychology. If there are fewer than 18 units articulated in the transfer major, students may select additional units from the courses that comprise their major as it is defined in the IVC catalog. All courses must be approved for transfer credit. In all cases, the name of the emphasis will be taken from the associate degree majors as listed on page 52 and 53 of the IVC catalog. Please note that the college cannot award a major emphasis that exists at the transferring institution but does not exist at IVC. Students should consult with a counselor for information about pursuing an emphasis.

Grade Requirements:

- **CSU Certification:** Courses on the CSU Certification Pattern in Area A (Communication in the English Language, Critical Thinking) and Area B4 (Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning) must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.
- **IGETC:** All IGETC courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.
- **CSU:** Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 to be eligible to transfer to a CSU campus.
- **UC:** Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.4 to be eligible to transfer to a UC campus.

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 minimum combined GPA of 2.0 including all work transferred to IVC that is to be included in the degree evaluation.
- Certification for CSU or IGETC and/or issuance of a degree does not occur automatically upon completion of all courses. Students must request certification and file an application for graduation in the IVC Office of Admissions and Records according to the following deadlines:

Fall 2005: November 18, 2005
Spring 2006: March 24, 2006
Summer 2006: July 21, 2006

Advisements:

- 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.
- CSU transferring students are advised to complete Political Science 1 and History 20 or 21 in Area D of the CSU General Education pattern. These courses will fulfill the American Institutions graduation requirement at CSU.
- GPA requirements for some majors may be higher than minimum eligibility requirements. Students are advised to check with a counselor regarding GPA requirements for specific majors.
- Completing the IGETC is helpful to many, but not all, students. Students should consult with a counselor before beginning a plan of study.