

UNIVERSITY STUDIES

The Associate in Arts degree program in university studies is designed specifically for students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution. The degree focuses on the completion of both lower division general education requirements and preparatory coursework for the student's projected transfer major.

Students may prepare to transfer to the California State University (CSU), the University of California (UC), or any other four-year college or university that accepts IGETC or CSU Certification.

The university studies degree path is recommended for students whose primary educational goal is to transfer. It is not intended for students seeking immediate employment within an area of specialization.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Associate in Arts Degree

1. Complete

- A. The CSU General Education Certification pattern, a minimum of 39 units (see pages 40–41).
- OR**
- B. The IGETC Certification pattern, a minimum of 36 units (see pages 42–43).

AND

2. Complete a minimum of 18 transferable units of courses identified as lower division preparation for the student's projected transfer major. Students are advised to consult with a counselor to identify courses that will best suit their transfer goals.

- Lower division course preparation for a projected transfer major is typically identified by consulting the current catalogs of the colleges or universities to which the student may consider transferring. Counselors may also recommend consulting www.assist.org—the official source for California articulation and student transfer information—and other resources to determine appropriate lower division preparatory coursework.
- In some cases, there may be fewer than 18 units articulated and/or available as lower division preparation in the student's projected transfer major. In such cases, students may select additional units from the courses that comprise their major as it is defined in the IVC catalog to meet the 18-unit preparation requirement. All courses must be approved for transfer credit.
- In all cases, the university studies degree will refer to the lower division area of preparation as an "emphasis"—for example, university studies, emphasis in biology. The name of the emphasis will be taken from the associate degree majors as listed on page 31 of the IVC catalog. The college cannot award a university studies major with an emphasis that exists at the transferring institution but does not exist at IVC. Students should consult with a counselor before choosing an emphasis.
- Prior to applying to Admissions and Records for IGETC or CSU Certification and the university studies degree, students **must** meet with a counselor to fill out the required evaluation form identifying the 18 units of lower division courses they have completed as preparation for their projected transfer major.

AND

3. 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 identify courses that will best suit their transfer goals.

Multiple Emphases

Students may elect to complete the requirements for more than one emphasis in the university studies program under the following conditions: (a) The student must meet the minimum requirements for each emphasis, and (b) at least 12 of the required units in the emphasis must be separate and distinct from the required units of the other emphasis.

Double Counting Courses

Students pursuing the university studies degree may use courses to fulfill both major requirements and general education requirements.

ADVISEMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREES

- 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.

GRADE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREES

- **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 FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES DEGREES

- 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.
- Students must meet the minimum writing and mathematics competency requirements for the Associate in Arts degree (see page 34).
- 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 deadlines noted below.

DEADLINES FOR IGETC AND CSU CERTIFICATION AND GRADUATION APPLICATIONS

Fall 2007:	November 16, 2007
Spring 2008:	March 24, 2008
Summer 2008:	July 18, 2008