**COLLEGE TRANSITION 102 LAYING THE GROUNDWORK – NEXT STEPS TOWARD SUCCESS**

**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAN**

**YOUR ACADEMIC GAME PLAN**

**TOPIC 1**

In the state of California the community colleges/ 2 year schools have a very refined framework for achieving an AA (Associate Arts Degree) or a faster way of being granted a transfer to a 4 Year school without losing credit or time when you are ready to take the next steps. If you follow a similar plan like the one shown below success will be easy.

The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) is a general education program that community college transfer students may use to fulfill lower-division general education requirements in either the UC or the CSU system without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower-division general education courses. The IGETC pattern is most useful for students who want to keep their options open before making a final decision about transferring to a particular UC or CSU campus. Completion of IGETC does NOT guarantee admission, nor is it required for admission.

Completion of the IGETC will permit a student to transfer without the need to take additional general education courses at their university. This enables a student to focus only on their specialization once accepted to the 4 year of his or her choice.

A common misconception is that the IGETC is an admission requirement into a university. The IGETC is a recommended certification that students receive from community college. Students that complete the IGETC are waived from general breadth courses in their university By waiving these classes students can save money by fulfilling general education requirements in a cheaper institution.

The IGETC requires completion a minimum of 37 semester or 49 quarter transferable units with a C grade or better in each class. Students can choose to take classes across any 2 year school campus either in person or virtually. They must fulfill a certain number of units from each of these areas: English Communication, Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning, Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavior Sciences, Physical and Biological Sciences, and Foreign Language.

Different community colleges use different titles for courses. For example, English Composition is known as “English 101” in one campus and “English 1A” in another. Unfortunately there is no universal list of classes with numbers. Students need to match the class description in their catalog.

**Different areas of the IGETC**

**Area 1: English Communication**

Requirements are ‘English Composition’, ‘Critical Thinking - English Composition’, and ‘Oral Communication’. ‘Oral Communication’ is ONLY required for CSU schools. This is six required units for a UC and nine for CSU.

**Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning**

Requirement is one mathematics course - 3 units.

**Area 3: Arts and Humanities**

Three courses are required (9 units); At least one in Arts and at least one in humanities.

**Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences**

Three courses are required (9 units); at least two separate discipline. Disciplines include: Anthropology and Archeology, Economics, Ethnic Studies, Gender Studies, Geography Behavioral Sciences, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology.

**Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences**

Two courses are required (7 units); at least one physical science and at least one biological. One of these courses must have a lab.

**Area 6: Foreign Language (only required for UC)**

The Foreign Language course is. may not be required? f

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**DISCUSSION QUESTION 1**

Since we are not sure where you are in the 2 year process either attending a community college or another type of 2 year school; consequently, the Discussion Question will be flexible based on your present position in the process.

From our perspective the goal is to achieve 60 semester units in 2 years so that you have the opportunity to be admitted to any 4 year school you like. We realize you may or may not know what your major will be , which will dictate some of the elective courses you take. Nevertheless, let's stay vanilla and develop a 2 year game plan as it relates to courses you enroll in.

We always suggest if you are attending a school that is a semester school then you should enroll in at least 16-18 units at the beginning of the semester. If you are in a Quarter school then each Quarter you should have 4-5 core courses.

***Why so many units when you are being told to take it slow and enroll in 12 or 15 units or 3-4 courses in a Quarter system?***

***During our tenure of working with students it is very apparent that every student finds a course he or she is not interested in or the professor is not a good fit or a course is too difficult, which leads to a student Dropping a class and losing units.***

***So let's take more than we need with the understanding that you will drop one of your courses and if you can make it through all the courses then you are already ahead.***

*Question -- Year 1*

*For the first year, which includes the summer session please select 4-5 classes for the Fall and spring and 2 courses for the summer term if you are attending or going to attend a semester type school.*

*If you are in a Quarter school then select 4-5 courses for 3 quarters.*

*If you have already started your 2 year experience then report the courses you are taking.*

*\*\*\*\*\*\* Suggestion - please sign up for an English course Area A at least in two of the terms and at least one math class and one lab science course as well.*

*Please use the school you are attending or will attend course name and number.*

*Term 1*

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*2.*

*3.*

*4.*

*5*

*Term 2*

*1.*

*2.*

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*5*

*Term 3 or Summer (2 courses)*

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*2.*

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**Area 1: English Communication (3 courses required)**

Requirements are ‘English Composition’, ‘Critical Thinking - English Composition’, and Oral Communication.

**Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (1 course and 1 statistics course)**

Requirement is one mathematics course - 3 units.

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Three courses are required (9 units); At least one in Arts and at least one in humanities.

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**Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences (At least 1 of each with one being a lab science)**

Two courses are required (7 units); at least one physical science and at least one biological science. One of these courses must have a lab.

**Area 6: Foreign Language (At least 2 foreign language courses- you can start in Spanish 1 even of you took it in High School)**

The Foreign Language course is required unless If you have proficiency equivalence of two years in high school this may be waived.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION 2**

*Question -- Year 2*

*For the second year, which includes the summer session, if needed, please select 4-5 classes for the Fall and spring and 2 courses for the summer term if you are attending or going to attend a semester type school.*

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**DISCUSSION QUESTION 3 – SET UP CALL WITH THE DEAN**

**Please have your questions and assignments available to discuss in a 15-30 minute block.**