

Proposal from Humanities Faculty at Fresno City College

AB-928 and CAL-GETC proposal

AB-928 requires that there be a single transfer pattern for all CC/CSU/UC transfer students. Currently the CSU system requires more G.E. courses for transfer than the UCs, and the proposed Cal-GETC single transfer pattern attempts to find a compromise between the various G.E. requirements. There are several aspects of the proposal that concern us.

Arts and Humanities: The current proposal reduces the Arts and Humanities requirement from the 3 courses (9 semester units) currently required for CSU transfer to 2 courses (1 in Arts and 1 in Humanities). While on the surface it appears that Social Sciences has also been reduced from 3 to 2 courses, this is not really the case. Prior to the addition of the Area F Ethnic Studies requirement the CSU requirement for Social Sciences was 3 courses (9 semester units). When the Ethnic Studies requirement was added the Social Sciences requirement was decreased from 3 courses to 2 courses, and a new requirement to take 1 course in Ethnic Studies was added. However, Ethnic Studies is a Social Science, and most of the courses that are being approved for Area F were already accepted for the Social Sciences requirement, so Social Sciences didn't actually lose classes. As you all know, Arts and Humanities are two very different areas (as different from each other as they are from the Social Sciences). In many colleges they are separate divisions. We feel that the current proposal is too heavily weighted in favor of the Social Sciences and fails to recognize the importance of a well-rounded and balanced G.E. pattern.

We argue that the best pattern for our students would include 3 courses from among Arts and Humanities, and 2 courses from Social Sciences (one from Ethnic Studies and the other from another discipline within the Social Sciences). This would give a more even distribution of units among the three areas of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

Current Cal-GETC Proposal:

- 1 class in Arts
- 1 class in Humanities
- 3 classes in Social Science (2 in any Social Science and 1 in Ethnic Studies)

Our Proposal:

- 1 class in Arts
- 1 class in Humanities
- 1 additional class in either Arts or Humanities
- 2 Classes in Social Science (1 in any Social Science and 1 in Ethnic Studies)

Failing this we suggest making one class a floating requirement such that we would have:

- 1 class in Arts
- 1 class in Humanities
- 2 classes in Social Sciences (one of which must be in Ethnic Studies).

