

FOOTHILL COLLEGE
College Curriculum Committee
General Education Options for a Foothill College Associate's Degree

Original text of resolution

Whereas the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act has prompted us to develop and implement associate's degrees for transfer, which require students to complete either the IGETC or CSU-Breadth general education patterns, and these degrees may be an attractive option for many students leading to a substantial increase in the number of students choosing the IGETC or CSU-Breadth patterns;

Whereas time and financial constraints typically force students to choose and focus on only one general education pathway and this may adversely limit student flexibility of selection of their educational or career pathway;

Whereas the current requirements for general education differ depending on the type of degree the student is pursuing, and these differences may be confusing to students, faculty and counselors and may inadvertently lead to students completing courses that do not meet their educational goals and needs;

Whereas there is substantial overlap between the IGETC, CSU-Breadth, and Foothill College general education patterns and all require students to meet the same learning outcomes—including demonstrating quantitative literacy, communicating orally and in writing, thinking creatively, critically and analytically, and practicing global consciousness and responsibility—and thus are all appropriate pathways for providing students with college-level general education knowledge, skills and abilities;

Resolved, that the Foothill College faculty allow students to use the either the IGETC pattern, the CSU-Breadth pattern, or the Foothill College general education pattern to satisfy the general education requirements for a Foothill College Associate's Degree.

Update to resolution, March 2025

Whereas, effective Fall Quarter 2025, the IGETC and CSU-Breadth general education patterns will no longer be offered, and the Cal-GETC general education pattern will be the singular transfer GE pattern for students transferring to UC and CSU;

Whereas, the statements of the original resolution are still relevant, and students who have the appropriate catalog rights for previous catalog years will continue to be able to use IGETC or CSU-Breadth;

Resolved, that the Foothill College faculty allow students to use the Cal-GETC general education pattern as an option to satisfy the general education requirements for a Foothill College Associate's Degree, in addition to the Foothill College general education pattern.