



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS POLICY MANUAL

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Policy on Golden Four General Education Courses

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to bring CSU Channel Islands in compliance with Chancellors Office Executive Order 1100. Specifically this policy creates a minimum grade requirement of C for the Golden Four CSUCI General Education categories: Oral Communication A1, English Writing A2, Critical Thinking A3, and Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning B3 (CSU GE category B4).

BACKGROUND:

Executive Order 1100 governs transfer credit, general education, and the interface of these two areas. Transfer students must have achieved a grade of C or higher in an Oral Communication course, English Writing course, Critical Thinking course, and a Math/Quantitative Reasoning course in order to matriculate. This policy aligns grade requirements for these golden four courses for native and transfer students. In addition this policy aligns timing by which students must satisfy these golden four categories for native and transfer students; although currently transfer students must satisfy the Golden Four prior to enrolling in CI during junior year, there is no such requirement for native students.

POLICY:

Accountability:

N/A

Applicability:

All Undergraduate Students

Definition(s):

The Golden Four refers to the General Education categories in the CSU for Oral Communication, English Writing, Critical Thinking, and Math/Quantitative Reasoning.

Policy Text:

The General Education requirements for categories A1, A2, A3, and B3 will be satisfied with a grade of C or higher.



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General Education courses for category A1 must have an oral communication learning outcome, for example CSU Channel Islands General Education Learning Outcome 4.1, “Speak and present effectively in various contexts.”

General Education courses for category A2 must have a writing learning outcome, for example CSU Channel Islands General Education Learning Outcome 4.2, “Write effectively in various forms.”

General Education courses for category A3 must have a critical thinking outcome, for example CSU Channel Islands General Education Learning Outcome 2.1, “Reason inductively and deductively and from a variety of perspectives.” or General Education Learning Outcome 2.2, “Deliberate with others and present arguments clearly, logically, and creatively.”

General Education courses for category B3 must have a math/quantitative literacy learning outcome, for example CSU Channel Islands General Education Learning Outcome 4.1, “Solve problems using mathematical methods.”

Students must have Junior standing and successfully completed the A1: Oral Communication, A2: Written Communication, A3: Critical Thinking, and B3: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (Golden Four) General Education requirements or have permission from the instructor in order to enroll in Upper Division Interdisciplinary General Education courses.

EXHIBIT(S):

CSU EO 1100: <http://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1100.html>