

FAQs on CSU GE Breadth Policy (12/03/2020)

Is this policy still called Executive Order 1100?

No, this policy should simply be referred to as the policy on CSU General Education Breadth.

What is the effective date of this policy?

This policy is effective for students with catalog years in fall 2021 and beyond. Although the policy is finalized and now released, please note that Area F, changes in Area D and other features of the policy come into effect fall 2021.

Can the two lower division courses in Area D be from the same discipline?

Yes, the two lower division Area D courses can be from the same discipline, provided the student takes an upper division Area D class from a different discipline.

Can a course fulfill the new Ethnic Studies requirement and also complete the United States history or American Institutions requirement as specified in EO 1061?

Yes, a course could meet both the Area F Ethnic Studies requirement and the United States history or American Institutions requirement by fulfilling the learning outcomes for both the EO 1061 requirements and the Area F requirements. If United States history meets an Area D requirement (as well as being newly certified for Area F), the student would need to choose the GE area for credit (either Area F or Area D). The requirement in United States history would be complete no matter which GE area the student selects.

Which courses can meet the Area F requirement?

Courses in Area F will have an ethnic studies prefix unless it is an approved, cross-listed course (see the next question for additional details). For example, a course with a Native American Studies prefix, that met the core competencies, would count as fulfilling this requirement. However, a course on indigenous people with a sociology course prefix would not meet the requirement, unless it was an approved, cross-listed course (see the next question).

Is cross listing of Area F Ethnic Studies courses with non-Ethnic Studies courses allowed?

Yes. If a course is approved via traditional curricular processes for cross-listing (meaning both departments agree to this cross-listing) and the course meets the core competencies and is approved by the campus GE committee for Area F, then the course meets the requirements. For example, if a course on the “History of African Americans in the United States” is cross-listed with a course with an African American Studies prefix and a History prefix, and is approved for Area F, students would receive credit for meeting Area F no matter which section of the course they took.

How will students who transfer from the California Community Colleges (CCC) meet this new requirement?

Beginning in fall 2021, students in the CCC will have courses available on their respective campus that meet CSU GE Area F. This will be possible due to the long-standing process by which the CSU approves CCC courses for the various CSU GE categories (and also the U.S. History and American Institutions courses).

Courses for this new Area F will become a part of this process. Courses will need to meet the same standards as CSU courses to be approved for Area F.

Who reviews courses for Area F approval?

The CSU campus general education committee should review courses for Area F as it would with any course for CSU GE Breadth. Campuses may, if they wish, add additional levels of approval for Area F courses, but they are not required to do so.