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Butte College Guide
IGETC General Education Requirements

IMPORTANT NOTE: Certification of coursework for IGETC will be honored by UC and CSU campuses provided that a course was on a college's approved IGETC list when it was completed. (IGETC Notes 1994)

Due to the complexity of the requirements and the potential for inappropriate course selection, students are advised to work with a Butte College counselor when developing their educational program.

OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Breadth and General Education (GE)

These courses offer an opportunity to broaden one's awareness, discover academic interests, and develop academic skills. The selection of courses to meet this requirement should be influenced by the major(s) and other programs you wish to consider. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) specifies a series of subject areas and types of courses that, if completed prior to transfer, will satisfy the lower-division Breadth and General Education Requirements at any public university in California. It consists of a minimum of 37 units for California State University (CSU) students and a minimum of 34 units for University of California (UC) students. CSU students have the option of completing the IGETC or the CSU General Education requirements. UC students have the option of completing IGETC or the campus-specific Breadth and General Education requirements.

Students are referred to the Butte College document "Choosing Your General Education Option" for information that will help them select the general education preparation suitable for their individual education need. NOTE: Students are strongly advised to work with a Butte College counselor when making this decision.

NOTE: A satisfactory (C or P) grade or higher must be earned in all courses used in IGETC. When the IGETC option is selected, most requirements must be met prior to transfer. See a counselor for more information. Courses completed at other institutions can be used to meet IGETC requirements.

NOTE: Certification of IGETC is required. For information on completing certification, contact the Butte College Transfer Center at (530) 895-2264.

Major

A major consists of a group of courses that emphasizes a depth of study in a particular field. Majors may require as few as 30 semester units or as many as 100 semester units. (IGETC is not normally the best option for students in "high unit majors.") Certain majors require courses that also meet IGETC requirements. Courses can be used for both purposes. Individual campuses may have limitations as to the number of courses that can be used in this way. Careful course planning provides the greatest opportunity for maximizing options within a bachelor's degree program.

Electives

The number of elective units is dependent on the units required by a student's major and GE programs. Electives can be used to complete a second major, a minor, credential requirements, or other personal educational goals.

Admissions

IGETC is not an admission requirement. Completion of IGETC prior to transfer, however, may improve a student's chances for admission to impacted campuses and/or programs. As they prepare to transfer, students are strongly advised to file their admission applications during the priority filing period. (Consult a counselor for those dates.)