

General Policy Questions

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.

Is there a minimum acceptable grade requirement for Ethnic Studies courses used to satisfy Area F?

No, Area F is not a “Golden Four” admissions requirement. Therefore, it is not subject to the C-minimum grade requirement. Minimum grade requirements are similar to the other CSU GE areas.

Catalog Rights

This policy is effective for students’ subject to the fall 2021 and subsequent catalog years. Is this referring to the California Community College (CCC) catalog year or CSU catalog year?

Title 5’s definition of catalog rights pertains to both the CCC and the CSU. Therefore, a student who begins and maintains continuous enrollment at the CCC or CSU *before fall 2021* will not be required to complete Area F for CSU GE.

Per Title 5 40401, continuous enrollment is defined as attendance in at least one semester per calendar year at a CSU or CCC or a combination of the two. When determining catalog rights, for certification in Area F purposes, does this exclude students who may have attended private or out-of-state colleges/universities?

Yes, Title 5 is applicable only to California’s public institutions. This excludes students who have attended private or out-of-state institutions.

If a student transfers from a CCC in fall 2023 to a CSU, will they be required to have Area F completed for CSU GE certification?

If a student has fall 2021 or later catalog rights, then they will be required to complete Area F for full CSU GE certification. Catalog years prior to fall 2021 do NOT require the completion of Area F (and would require the completion of 9 units in Area D—across at least two different disciplines).

Can a student be fully CSU GE certified without Area F if they take an upper division course after transfer to meet this requirement?

Students who begin fall 2021 (and after) cannot be fully CSU GE certified unless they have completed Area F. The option to fulfill Area F with an upper division course is meant to provide flexibility for students who transfer without full certification, or for students who begin at the CSU. This should NOT be interpreted to mean that Area F is optional.

Course Approvals and ASSIST

If a student took an Ethnic Studies course at a CCC in spring 2017, and the course is approved for Area F beginning fall 2021, will the student still be able to use the course (taken spring 2017) for Area F?

No, the student could not use the course to fulfill Area F. Courses used in a GE area must have been approved for that area at the time the course was taken. That has been the case for all GE course approvals from the CCC to the CSU.

When will CSU GE Area F be an option in ASSIST?

The Area F option should be available prior to **February 5, 2021**. The CSU will notify the CCC as soon as the new Area F is available in ASSIST.

Articulation Officers should plan to submit new courses for Ethnic Studies by February 5, 2021.

- Please hold submissions for course proposals for Area F **and** any other GE area until after December 2020.
 - *For example*, for a course proposal for Social Sciences **and** Area F, plan to submit by February 5.
 - *For example*, for a course proposal for Humanities **and** Area F, plan to submit by February 5.

Does it matter if the proposal is an existing course to be re-reviewed for Social Sciences and adding Area F, as opposed to a new submission?

It does not matter if it is a new course or an existing course for re-review.

ASSIST doesn't allow submissions of more than one CSUGE proposal for a given class. For example, I have some courses to submit for both Area F and Area C2. The priority is Area F, of course, but with the split deadline I won't be able to submit those courses for Area C2 until next year because I don't want to be locked out of submitting for Area F.

The February 5, 2021 deadline is specific to courses proposed for Area F Ethnic Studies. The deadline for all course submissions not proposed for Ethnic Studies was December 11, 2020.

However, if you have courses with multiple CSU GE areas and the new Area F, please hold those submissions until after December.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO)/Core Competencies

Why does the policy specify that courses shall meet three of the five competencies for Ethnic Studies?

The addition of “three out of five competencies” to Area F was recommended by the CSU Ethnic Studies Council and adopted for this policy.

May CCC faculty modify the SLOs to align with their academic disciplines?

Approved Course Outline of Records must have at least three of the five competencies from the CSU GE Breadth policy without modification. Additional SLOs may be added.

Course Prefix

Which courses 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.

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.