

## CSU GE-B Area A Communication in the English Language & Critical Thinking

Area A emphasizes development of students' communication and reasoning skills. Area A requires coursework in "communication in the English language, to include both oral communication and written communication," so both Area A1 and Area A2 courses need to be conducted in English.

### CSU GE-B A1 Oral Communication

Courses must include faculty-supervised, faculty-evaluated practice in communicating orally in the presence of other listeners. Rhetorical principles must be covered (study of effective communication in formal speeches or social interaction is appropriate, for example).

The CSU Communications Departments have asked that for courses submitted for IGETC Area 1C or CSU GE-Breadth Area A1, the "methods of instruction" and "methods of evaluation" sections of the outline be very specific about how instruction and evaluation are conducted so that it may be determined that student presentations will be made in front of faculty and other listeners (not online or recorded).

Interpersonal communications courses are not a natural fit in Area A1, but a few have incorporated significant faculty-supervised, faculty-evaluated practice in speaking with others; added at least a small component of traditional rhetoric; and won placement in Area A1.

### CSU GE-B A2 Written Communication

Area A2 courses need to be conducted in English. They may be designed for speakers of other languages, but the courses must lead to achievement of the same "freshman composition" objectives as courses for native speakers of English.

### CSU GE-B A3 Critical Thinking

Unlike IGETC Area 1B courses, CSU GE-Breadth Area A3 courses do not have to have a prerequisite or instruction in writing.

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