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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: CSU Presidents

FROM: Nathan S. Evans, Ed.D.   
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SUBJECT: Updated CSU General Education Policy

On March 27, 2024, the CSU Board of Trustees approved amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations regarding CSU General Education requirements. During the month of April 2024, the draft updated general education policy reflecting these changes was shared with each university, the Academic Senate of the California State University, the Chancellor’s General Education Advisory Committee and the Cal State Student Association. Each entity was asked to review the draft and provide feedback, which was used to finalize the policy. The updated [CSU General Education \(GE\) Requirements policy](#) has now been published and is available online.

The new CSU General Education (GE) Requirements policy becomes **effective in fall 2025**. New undergraduate students who enroll at either a California Community College or at the CSU in fall 2025 or later will follow the new general education requirements. Consistent with existing policy, continuing students may also elect to follow the new general education requirements at the point of declaring or changing a major, or at the time they file for graduation.

Each CSU must ensure that its campus general education program aligns with the updated CSU General Education (GE) Requirements policy for fall 2025. The primary modifications from the current CSU policy include:

- New labels and organization of the requirements (e.g., A2 Written Communication becomes 1A English Composition);
- A science lab experience is a distinct 1-unit requirement;

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- One fewer lower-division course is included in the Arts and Humanities area; and
- Lifelong Learning and Self-Development has been removed from the requirements.

To support universities in the work of updating campus general education policies and corresponding curricula, the Chancellor's Office has provided \$4 million in one-time resources to support critical campus actions. Activities supported by these resources may include, but are not limited to, faculty buyouts of instructional assignments, faculty employment during "off-contract" periods, additional staff employment related to course articulation, as well as the use of consultants to address technical updates to degree planning and degree audit tools. Additional details regarding this allocation are provided in the attached document.

Chancellor's Office staff are available to assist with questions and review draft policies. For specific questions related to general education policy, please contact Dr. Brent Foster, assistant vice chancellor and State University Dean of Academic Programs, at [bfoster@calstate.edu](mailto:bfoster@calstate.edu) or 562-951-4149. Questions related to admissions, registrar or campus systems operations can be directed to Dr. April Grommo, assistant vice chancellor for Strategic Enrollment Management, at [agrommo@calstate.edu](mailto:agrommo@calstate.edu) or 562-951-4726.

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Attachment

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Steven Relyea  
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**SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 928 Implementation Budget Allocation**

This memorandum outlines how supplemental, one-time funding will be allocated to support campus implementation of Assembly Bill 928, the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021. During its March 2024 meeting, in considering Title 5 amendments required for the bill’s implementation, the California State University Board of Trustees adopted changes to administrative regulations governing undergraduate admissions and CSU General Education (GE) within Title 5 that become effective in fall 2025. These changes will align CSU General Education Breadth areas and units with the new California Community Colleges’ Cal-GETC curriculum so that all CSU undergraduates follow the same GE pattern.

To facilitate and expedite this implementation, the Chancellor’s Office is providing \$4 million in one-time resources to support critical campus work. Activities supported by these resources may include, but are not limited to, faculty buyouts of instructional assignments, faculty employment during “off-contract” periods, additional staff employment related to course articulation, as well as the use of consultants to address technical updates to degree planning and audit tools.

Reflecting thoughtful recommendations from the Chancellor’s General Education Advisory Committee, outcomes of this work may include:

- A review of each academic program and sub-program curriculum for GE change-related impacts. For example, assessing the impact of double-counted GE courses and the increase of one unit in the sciences;
- Updates, as necessary, to science programs and courses to reflect an additional unit;
- Determination of any actions related to five fewer required semester units in GE;

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- Corresponding updates to degree audit, degree planner and articulation databases; and
- Reviews of the alignment of Transfer Model Curriculum/Associate Degree for Transfer (TMC/ADT) for additional university degree programs or sub-programs.

Funds have been allocated to universities based on two factors: 1) baseline work at each university necessary to address changes to admission eligibility requirements and general education requirements, and 2) variable work based upon the number of undergraduate programs and subprograms offered by each university. This latter factor reflects that each academic program will need to review and potentially revise curriculum or degree plans considering the GE changes. Allocations will be sent via an Interagency Financial Transaction (IFT) to each university's Provost's Office and may be carried forward into the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Questions concerning this memo may be directed to Laura Massa at [lmassa@calstate.edu](mailto:lmassa@calstate.edu) (Academic and Faculty Programs) or Jeni Kitchell at [jkitchell@calstate.edu](mailto:jkitchell@calstate.edu) (Budget).

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## Assembly Bill 928 Implementation One-Time Budget Allocation

University	One-time Baseline Allocation	Undergraduate Majors or Concentrations*	Major/ Concentration Allocation	Total One-time Allocation
Bakersfield	\$50,000	109	\$108,000	\$158,000
Channel Islands	\$50,000	62	\$61,000	\$111,000
Chico	\$50,000	131	\$129,000	\$179,000
Dominguez Hills	\$50,000	115	\$113,000	\$163,000
East Bay	\$50,000	196	\$193,000	\$243,000
Fresno	\$50,000	140	\$138,000	\$188,000
Fullerton	\$50,000	138	\$136,000	\$186,000
Humboldt	\$50,000	120	\$118,000	\$168,000
Long Beach	\$50,000	145	\$143,000	\$193,000
Los Angeles	\$50,000	139	\$137,000	\$187,000
Maritime Academy	\$50,000	8	\$10,000	\$60,000
Monterey Bay	\$50,000	67	\$66,000	\$116,000
Northridge	\$50,000	148	\$146,000	\$196,000
Pomona	\$50,000	108	\$107,000	\$157,000
Sacramento	\$50,000	134	\$132,000	\$182,000
San Bernardino	\$50,000	129	\$127,000	\$177,000
San Diego	\$50,000	227	\$224,000	\$274,000
San Francisco	\$50,000	120	\$118,000	\$168,000
San Jose	\$50,000	167	\$165,000	\$215,000
San Luis Obispo	\$50,000	162	\$160,000	\$210,000
San Marcos	\$50,000	86	\$85,000	\$135,000
Sonoma	\$50,000	95	\$94,000	\$144,000
Stanislaus	\$50,000	142	\$140,000	\$190,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,150,000</b>	<b>2,888</b>	<b>\$2,850,000</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>

\*Data from CSU Degrees Database as of April 1, 2024