



LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE  
2025-2026 GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS  
FOR THE ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (A.A.) & ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE (A.S.)



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The Long Beach City College General Education pattern (LBCC-GE) is intended for students who wish to earn an associate degree, but do not wish to transfer to the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) systems. The LBCC-GE is only one component of the requirements needed to obtain an associate degree and it represents the general education requirements. Students should meet with a counselor to ensure general education and coursework for major requirements is completed accurately. Students planning to transfer to a CSU or UC should follow the Cal-GETC Plan. Consult the catalog and counselors for more information.

CONDITIONS FOR AWARDING OF THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

- **Residency:** Complete at least 12 semester units at LBCC and complete at least 50% of the major requirements at LBCC.
- **Major Coursework:** Complete each course counted toward the major requirements with a grade of “C” or better, or of “P” if the course is taken on a “pass-no pass” basis.
- **Grades & GPA:** Complete the requirements for the associate degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in the degree-applicable courses, including degree-applicable coursework transferred from other colleges.

Application for Graduation

To receive a degree, students must use the Viking Portal to navigate to the Degree & Certificate Application and click on “Create New Application” prior to the deadlines associated with the desired graduation term.

**Double Counting:** A course may meet a general education requirement and major requirement. However, one course cannot be double counted (counted as fulfilling more than one LBCC-GE area) even if the course appears in multiple areas. For example, although CDECE 45 is listed in both Area 4 Social and Behavioral Sciences and Area 7 Lifelong Understanding and Self Development, it may be used to satisfy only one area requirement.

AREA 1: ENGLISH COMPOSITION, ORAL COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING

AREA 1A: ENGLISH COMPOSITION

(Minimum 3 units)

ENGL C1000, C1000H, C1000E  
ESL 1S

units	course	grade
course from: _____		

AREA 1B: ORAL COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING

(Minimum 3 units)

BCOM 15  
COMM C1000, C1000H, 30, 45, 60  
COSA 2  
COSP 8  
COUNS 2  
ELECT 22S

ENGL C1001, C1001H, 4, 4H  
HIST 47  
LIB 2  
PHIL 11, 12, 22  
READ 82, 83, 84

units	course	grade
course from: _____		

AREA 2: MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING

(Minimum 3 units)

MATH 21B, 27, 28, 28S, 37, 40, 40S, 45, 45S, 50, 60,  
60H, 70, 70H, 80, 84

STAT C1000, C1000H, C1000E

units	course	grade
course from: _____		

AREA 3: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

(Minimum 3 units)

ARCHT 80, 81  
ART 1, 1H, 2, 2H, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 15, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31,  
34, 35, 50, 51, 60, 62, 70, 71, 80  
ASL 1, 2, 3, 4, 24  
CHIN 1  
COMM 50  
CART 41  
DANCE 1, 19  
DMA 15  
ENGL 2, 15, 16, 17, 26, 32, 33, 33H, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38,  
39, 41, 42, 43A, 43B, 44, 44H, 45, 45H, 46, 47, 48, 48H,  
49, 49H, 53A  
FASH 32  
FILM 1, 2A, 2B, 10, 25

FREN 1, 1C, 2, 2C, 3, 4, 25A  
GER 1, 2  
HUMAN 1°, 1H°, 7°  
ITAL 1, 2  
JAPAN 1, 2, 3, 4  
KHMER 9, 10  
LING 1, 1H, 3, 3H  
MUSIC 6, 28AD, 32, 33B, 35, 40, 40H, 89  
PHIL 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6H, 7, 7H, 8, 9, 10, 10H, 14, 15, 16  
PHOT 10  
SPAN 1, 1H, 2, 2H 3, 4, 8, 9, 9H, 10, 10H, 25A, 25B, 25C,  
25D  
TART 1, 25, 30  
TV 1

units	course	grade
course from: _____		

## AREA 4: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

(Minimum 3 units)

ANTHR 2, 2H, 3, 3H, 4

CDECE 45, 47

COMM 20, 25, 40

COSA 3

ECON 1, 1H, 2, 2H, 3, 4, 5°

ETHST 12°

GEOG 2, 5°, 40, 48

GLST 1, 2

HIST 1A, 1AH, 1B, 1BH, 2B, 2C, 2CH, 7, 9A, 9B, 9C, 18

JOURN 10

NUTR 22

PH 21, 22, 24

PHIL 1, 1H, 2, 10, 10H

POLSC 2, 2H, 4, 4H, 9, 10, 11

PSYC C1000, C1000H

PSYCH 2, 4, 10°, 11, 11H, 12°, 14, 33

PUBAD 1

SOCSC 1°, 1H°, 7°

SOCIO 1, 1H, 2, 11, 11H, 13, 17, 40

units	course	grade
course from:		

## AREA 5: NATURAL SCIENCES

(Minimum 3 units)

Physical Sciences

ASTR 1, 1H, 1L

CHEM 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4°, 12A, 12B

ENVR 1

GEO 1, 1H, 2, 2L, 2F, 3, 3H, 4, 5, 7, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20

PGEOG 1, 1L, 2

PHYS 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4°

Biological Sciences

ANAT 1, 41

ANTHR 1, 1H, 1L, 11

BIO 1A, 1B, 2, 5, 11, 20, 20H, 22, 25, 30,

31, 41, 41L, 60, 60L, 61

PHYSI 1

units	course	grade
course from:		

## AREA 6: ETHNIC STUDIES

(Minimum 3 units)

ETHST 1, 1H, 6°

EDUC 6°

units	course	grade
course from:		

## AREA 7: LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT

(Minimum 3 units from either Option 1 or Option 2)

--Option 1 (one course: 3 units)--

CDECE 45, 47

COUNS 2, 7, 50

HLED 3, 4, 5

KINPP 1, 4

LEARN 11, 11H

PH 10°, 24

PSYCH 4, 10°

NUTR 20

--Option 2 (two courses: 3 units) --

KINPP 12 (2 units)

And a one 1-unit course from a discipline listed below:

KINA, KING, KINIA, or KINPF

units	course	grade
course from:		

units	course	grade
course from:		

## AREA 8: AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS AND IDEALS

(Minimum 3 units)

HIST 8A, 8AH, 8B, 8BH, 10, 10H, 11, 11H, 25, 27A, 27B,

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POLS C1000, C1000H

units	course	grade
course from:		

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Calculating Unit Totals

To calculate how far students are in earning units toward the associate degree, use this step-by-step process:

- A student will need a minimum of 60 units for an associate degree, comprised of:
  - units to fulfill the general education areas on LBCC-GE pattern;
  - units to complete the student's major requirements;
  - any units for elective classes. **Note:** Only courses numbered 1-599 and 1000 series may be used to fulfill the 60 units required for an AA degree.
- Count Major Units. Identify how many units are required for the major according to the program requirements in the catalog.
- Check for Double-Counted Units. Some courses may count for both LBCC-GE and the major requirements. Subtract these 'double-counted' units from the total.
- Add Electives. If the combined total of major and general education units does not reach 60, the student can fill in the gap with elective courses.

Students should meet with a counselor to ensure course choices fulfill all major, general education, and associate degree requirements.

### Previously Earned Degrees & General Education

Any student with an associate's degree from a U.S. regionally accredited college shall be deemed to have fulfilled the general education course requirements for the associate degree. Students who have been awarded a bachelor's degree from an institutionally accredited institution shall be deemed to have fulfilled the general education course requirements for the associate degree.

### AP, CLEP & IB EXAM CREDIT

Students may receive credit for passing Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams.

### Catalog Rights & Continuous Enrollment

Continuous enrollment is used to determine a student's Catalog Rights. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment at census in the fall or spring of the academic year at LBCC, or at any other regionally accredited higher education institution, after having initially enrolled at LBCC. Any of the following academic symbols entered on an LBCC transcript constitutes continuous enrollment: A, B, C, D, F, P, NP, W, EW, MW, RD, or I. Students should consult with a counselor for current information or the degree appeal process for extenuating circumstances.

### LEGEND

° Cross-listed. Cross-listed courses are a single, interdisciplinary course offered under different disciplines, but with the same content. Cross-listed courses cannot be used in more than one discipline, nor can they fulfill more than one LBC-GE area. LBCC's cross-listed courses are enumerated below:

CHEM 4 = PHYS 4: Survey of Chemistry and Physics

ECON 5 = GEOG 5: The Global Economy

HUMAN 1/1H = SOCSC 1/1H: Comparative World Cultures/Honors CWC

HUMAN 7 = SOCSC 7: American Pluralism and Identity

PH 10 = PSYCH 10: Human Sexuality

ETHST 6 = EDUC 6: Ethnic Studies for Educators/Education

ETHST 12 = PSYCH 12: African American Psychology