



USD CORE CURRICULUM AND IGETC ALIGNMENT

Courses Taken Fall 2021 - Summer 2023

The USD Core Curriculum is divided into four curricular areas: Competencies, Foundations, Explorations and Integration. Please visit www.sandiego.edu/core for more information. While the IGETC certification cannot substitute the core curriculum in its entirety, USD accepts courses approved for certain IGETC areas in place of corresponding core curriculum requirements. The table below indicates if and how USD core curriculum requirements and IGETC areas align.

Transfer courses approved for more than one IGETC area cannot be used to satisfy more than one USD unit-bearing requirement. For example, a 3-unit art history course approved for IGETC 1A and IGETC 4F could satisfy either Artistic Inquiry or Historical Inquiry, but not both because each requires 3 units.

If current students are declared under catalog year 2021-22 and beyond, the maximum number of transferred units they can apply to the core is 10. There is no limitation on the number of transferrable core units completed before students start taking classes at USD. For additional information, current students should contact their Academic Advisor, while prospective students should contact admissions@sandiego.edu.

	USD Core Requirement	IGETC Area and Notes
Competencies	First-Year Writing (CFYW) , 3 units	IGETC 1B: Critical Thinking/English Composition.
	Mathematical Reasoning (CMRP) , 3 units	IGETC 2A: Mathematical Concept and Quantitative Reasoning. Only courses that do not include “statistics” or “data” in the course title).
	Second Language (CSLA) , 3rd semester competency	May be fulfilled by successful completion of a third-semester second language course. Individual course evaluation is required. Consult the list of approved courses before submitting an inquiry.
	Advanced Writing (CADW)* , 1 course	IGETC does not have a corresponding area. Individual course evaluation is required. Consult the list of approved courses before submitting an inquiry.
	Oral Communication (CORL)* , 1 course	IGETC 1C: Oral Communication.
	Quantitative Reasoning (CQUR)* , 1 course	IGETC 2A: Mathematical Concept and Quantitative Reasoning. Only courses that do include “statistics” in the course title).
Foundations	Theological and Religious Inquiry (FTRI) , 6 units (3 lower division/3 upper division)	IGETC does not have a corresponding area. Individual course evaluation is required. Students should consult the list of approved courses before submitting an inquiry. Courses must satisfy FTRI learning outcomes, including a critical understanding of Catholic Christianity and attention to theory and method in the study of religion.
	Philosophical Inquiry (FPHI) , 3 units	IGETC 3B: Humanities taught within a philosophy department. Only courses that do not include “ethics”, “values”, “moral”, “logic” and/or “critical thinking” in the course title.
	Ethical Inquiry (FETI) , 3 units	IGETC 3B: Humanities. Only courses that do include “ethics” in the course title.
	Diversity, Inclusion, Social Justice (DISJ)* , 2 courses	IGETC does not have a corresponding area. Individual course evaluation is required. Consult the list of approved courses before submitting an inquiry.
Explorations	Historical Inquiry (EHSI) , 3 units	IGETC 4F: History.
	Literary Inquiry (ELTI) , 3 units	IGETC 3B: Humanities taught in an English or literature department with literature or literary study in the course title. Courses devoted to film studies, composition or creative writing will not be approved. Courses with an emphasis on literature taught in other departments can be submitted for individual review.
	Artistic Inquiry (EARI) , 3 units	IGETC 3A: Arts.
	Scientific and Technological Inquiry (ESTI) , 3-4 units	IGETC 5A: Physical Science or 5B: Biological Science. If a course in 5A or 5B does not include a lab, one corresponding lab course from section 5C must be completed at the same time as the lecture from 5A or 5B.
	Social and Behavioral Inquiry (ESBI) , 3 units	IGETC 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences (4,4A,4B,4C,4D,4E,4G,4H,4I,4J), except 4F: History.
Integration	First Year Integration (CINL)* , 1 course	Must be completed at USD.
	Advanced Integration (CINT)* , 1 course	Must be completed at USD.

* These requirements are not unit-bearing. A course fulfilling this requirement could also satisfy another unit-bearing requirement.