

General Education Reform Plan

CSU, Northridge introduced the General Education Reform Plan—Plan R—in the Fall 2006 semester. Plan R requires fewer units and provides greater flexibility in selecting courses in the Subject Explorations areas. Plan R and the continuing Plan C are compared in the chart below.

New freshmen and transfer students who entered CSUN in Fall 2006 or later must meet the requirements of GE Plan R. Discuss Plan R requirements and plan your class schedule with your academic advisor. Advising centers are listed at www.csun.edu/eop/htdocs/academicsupport.html.

Continuing students on GE Plan C who have questions about the GE plans should consult their academic advisor.

GE Plan R may sometimes be updated. These changes and where to look for them are explained in the following two paragraphs.

New Information Competence (IC) Designated Courses. As part of General Education Plan R, students are required to take Information Competence (IC) designated courses. Students must take two IC designated courses, one course in the Basic Skills section and one course in the Subject Explorations section. Several existing General Education courses have been designated as IC since the publication of the *2006-2008 University Catalog*. To view a current list of IC designated courses, go to www.csun.edu/catalog and select the Catalog Supplement link.

General Education Pattern Modifications. Changes or substitutions to the GE program that are specific to particular majors are listed as pattern modifications. Several pattern modifications have been approved since the publication of the *2006-2008 University Catalog*. To view a current list of General Education Pattern Modifications, go to www.csun.edu/catalog and select the Catalog Supplement link.

New GE Plan R Category	New GE Plan R Subcategories		Continuing GE Plan C	
Basic Skills (12 units) One course must include IC components.	Analytical Reading and Expository Writing (A1)	3	Written Composition (A1)	3
	Critical Thinking (A2)	3	Critical Reasoning (A2)	3
	Mathematics (A3)	3	Mathematics (A3)	3-5
	Oral Communication (A4)	3	Oral Communication (A4)	3
Subject Explorations (29 units)* At least one course must include IC components.	Natural Sciences with corresponding labs/field studies (S1)	3 + 1 3 + 1	Natural Sciences, one with a lab or field study (B1, B2, Lab)	9
	Arts and Humanities (S2)	6	Humanities (literature, fine arts, and philosophy and religion) (C1, C2, C3)	9
	Social Sciences (S3)	6	Social Sciences (D)	9
	Lifelong Learning (S4)	3	Applied Arts and Sciences (E)	4
	Comparative Cultural Studies / Gender, Race, Class, and Ethnicity Studies, and Foreign Languages (S5)	6	Comparative Cultural Studies (western civilization, international cross-cultural, intra-national cross-cultural, and foreign language) (F1, F2, F3)	9
U.S. History and Local Government (6 units)*	Title 5 (T) U.S. History (T1) Local Government (T2) U.S. Constitution and Local Gov. (T3)	6	U.S. History and Local Government (Title 5, T1, T2, T3)	6
Total Units		47**		58-60


Notes - Plan R Requirements

IC = Information Competence

WI = Writing Intensive

*Upper-division courses must be **WI**.

**A minimum of 48 units must be completed to meet General Education Plan R requirements; the sum of the minimums for each section is 47 units. After completing the requirements for all sections, if fewer than 48 units have been completed then one additional GE course selected from any of the GE sections must be completed to meet the 48-unit requirement. Many students will reach 48 units by completion of a GE course containing extra units such as selected math, science, philosophy and foreign language courses.

 For more information, refer to page 24 of the *2006-2008 University Catalog*, available online at www.csun.edu/catalog. GE Plan R updates are also available at www.csun.edu/catalog under the Catalog Supplement link.