

## Title V Changes to the Local GE, Effective Fall 2025

- **Retain** Area A: English Language, Communication, and Analytical Thinking
  - No Change
- **Add** Area: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning.
  - Currently a Competency
- **Retain** Area B: Natural Sciences
  - No Change
- **Retain** Area C: Arts and Humanities
  - No Change
- **Retain** Area D: Social and Behavioral Sciences
  - No Change
- **Add** Area: Ethnic Studies
  - Currently part of CSU GE and IGETC
- **Not a requirement of Title V:**
  - Cultural Diversity Requirement.
    - No plans on retaining.
  - Area E: Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development (LLUSD)
- Total: 21 units. This is 3 additional units compared to the currently existing Local GE pattern.
- Note: It is possible CSUs will require incoming freshmen to take a LLUSD course, but incoming transfer students will not.

## Pros and Cons to Retaining Area E in Local GE Effective Fall 2025

### Pros:

- Courses in this area allow students to learn additional skills that benefit them throughout their lives.
- Students benefit from career development courses that assist them in learning to plan and study and/or selecting a degree or career path.
- Students from underserved communities may not have had access to courses in nutrition and physical education.
- Having access to the full spectrum of career development courses on a GE pattern is at its core an equity issue. Students choose a guided pathway upon enrollment but may not have the support to build social capital.

Without the strong support of the courses in Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development (LLUSD), these students may lack the support needed to move forward in their careers, such as veterans or ESL students.

- There will still exist a pathway for a student to complete 60 units for all high unit local degrees.
- LLUSD is part of GWC's institutional SLOs.
- If CSUs require incoming freshmen to take LLUSD courses, then it is possible students will fulfill that requirement by taking LLUSD courses at the CC's.
- Current courses in this area will not necessarily require curricular adjustments.

#### Cons:

- LLUSD is not part of GWC's mission statement.
- It adds three more units to the GE pattern.
  - Title V base requirement is 21 units. By adding LLUSD, GWC's local GE will be 24 required units to obtain.
  - Students may seek out CCs with a lower unit local GE pattern.
- It is not required by Title 5.
- It adds a requirement that is not part of Cal-GETC.
  - If a student does not complete Cal-GETC, they must take an additional course since LLUSD is not part of the single general transfer pathway.
  - If CSUs do not require incoming transfer students to take LLUSD courses, then we are forcing students to take an additional course.
- By retaining, courses that do not pertain to other areas may automatically be submitted for LLUSD, thus losing the essence of this area.