

CSU GE BREADTH AREAS A and IGETC AREA 1

English Language Communication and Critical Thinking

Areas A and 1 emphasize development of students' communication and reasoning skills. These require coursework in "communication in the English language, to include both oral communication and written communication," making them the only areas in the GE patterns that must be taught in English.

Written Communication

IGETC Standards 2.3

A first-semester course in English reading and written composition must include substantial instruction and practice in expository essay writing at the college level with a minimum of 5,000 words. Courses should also require a substantial amount of reading of significant literature. Successful completion of the course in reading and written composition (i.e., a course that satisfies English 1A) shall be prerequisite to the course in Critical Thinking/English Composition.

"Stretch" or "intensive" English Composition courses (i.e., blended courses that include both transferable content and remedial content) may be approved for the English Composition Requirement if both/all courses in the "stretch" course sequence are successfully completed with "C" grade (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher (or the equivalent); and the transferable content is comparable to a 'standard' English Composition course, i.e., the course requires a minimum 5,000 words of writing; substantial instruction and practice in expository essay writing at the college level; and substantial amount of reading of significant literature.

English Composition for ESL courses may be approved for the English Composition Requirement if the course content is not solely remedial and is otherwise comparable to a 'standard' English Composition course, i.e., the course requires a minimum 5,000 words of writing; substantial instruction and practice in expository essay writing at the college level; and substantial amount of reading of significant literature.

Reviewers look for evidence of assigned and graded student writing, both in class and as assigned homework. The course must carry an appropriate prerequisite course (or SAT score or placement score), distinguishing it from a basic skills class.

Guiding Notes for General Education Course Review

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<p>A2 Written Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• courses conducted in English• must achieve same objectives as “freshman composition” found in most universities• explore rhetorical principles independent of the application of writing to a specific profession• no minimum number of words; however, number of words should be specified in the course outline	<p>1A Written Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• substantial instruction and practice in expository essay writing at the college-level• minimum 5,000 words of writing is required• courses should require substantial amount of reading and significant literature• prerequisite to course in Critical Thinking/English Composition