

New Proposed Local Pattern
Area 1 Communication, Expression, Critical Thinking, and Information Literacy (10 Units)
1A: English Composition (5 units)
1B: Oral Communication & Critical Thinking (5 units)
Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (4-5 units)
Area 3: Arts and Humanities (4 units)
Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences (4 units)
Area 5: Natural Sciences (4-6 units) (From either Biological or Physical Sciences)
Area 6: Ethnic Studies (4 units)
Area 7: Physical/Mental Wellness and Personal Development (1-5 units **)
Total Units: 31-38 units

Background

At its meeting on 9/23/24, the Academic Senate discussed the need to have an accessible pathway for students seeking only an Associate’s Degree. With this as the central driving factor, a proposal was made to reduce the GE requirements for these degrees to the Title V minimums while also maintaining the inclusion of Physical/Mental Wellness and Personal Development as its own area. The table above summarizes this new pattern.

Areas of Discussion

1. Unit count for Area 7. This area previously had 2-5 units. There was some discussion of reducing this as is represented above.
2. Broadening Area 7. There was discussion on seeking to include studio arts courses in area 7. These courses are apparently not included in any GE area and would need to have updates made through eLumen to become De Anza GE courses.
3. Creation of Certificates. The removal of the previous ICS and ESGC requirements may be ameliorated via the creation of focused certificates that students can opt into based on interest and availability. Developing these will fall to individual faculty or groups of faculty and would be approved through the standard curriculum process.