

Academic Affairs Manual

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General Education Changes to Area G to Meet EO 1100 Requirements

1.0 Reference

1.1 This policy outlines the practices and procedure for California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) to meet the General Education requirements as outlined in Executive Order (EO) 1100 by the California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office (CO), which states:

"2.2.1 General Education Requirements

- a. CSU campus GE requirements shall conform to the requirements established in this executive order and shall not exceed the requirements for 39 lower-division and 9 upper-division semester units (or quarter –unit equivalent) in the defined GE Areas.
- b. A baccalaureate candidate who has not completed either the IGETC or UC-campus pattern specified in Article 2 shall complete the CSU General Education Breadth requirements described in Article 4, Subsections through E, totaling a minimum of 48 semester units or equivalent quarter units.
- Subsequent to a change of major, the student shall not be subject to different or additional GE requirements solely to address CSU GE requirements already satisfied." (EO 1100, 2017)

The 2018-19 CSUDH General Education Program requires students to take a course that emphasizes cultural pluralism (0-3), but which may also satisfy General Education or other graduation requirements, Area G (0-3 units). Most students fulfill this requirement with the course they take in Area F: Upper Division Integrative Studies. However, the variable units listed for Area G (0-3) and its optional nature has created confusion regarding how to complete the Cultural Pluralism requirement and presents the potential to raise the student's GE unit total over the allowed maximum.

2.0 Policy

- **2.1** Effective fall 2018, Area G shall be moved from the General Education Program to a stand-alone University Graduation Requirement (Integrative Studies in Cultural Pluralism Requirement).
- **2.2** The fulfillment of the Integrative Studies in Cultural Pluralism Requirement is met when students receive a passing grade in a course from Subarea F3 (Integrative Studies in the Social Sciences) or one of the courses currently approved to meet the cultural pluralism requirement.
- **2.3** In collaboration with Academic Affairs, the CSUDH Academic Senate shall conduct at least two sessions by the end of 2019 to obtain inclusive and intentional discussions on the effects and assessment of the changes made to curricular and graduation requirements in response to EO 100 and EO 1100-R.
- **2.4** The changes outlined in this policy shall not modify the availability of courses currently approved to meet the Cultural Pluralism requirement.

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2.5 The change in Area G shall remain until the end of Academic Year 2019-2020 unless a widely consultative process arrives at an approved solution prior to that date.

2.6 The Office of Academic Programs shall be responsible for amending the information in the University Catalog to reflect the changes defined in this policy.

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