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8.0 Unit Value
8.1 Minimum Unit Value
A course must have a minimum unit value of 3 semester or 4 quarter units to meet the requirements for IGETC. (Laboratory courses intended to accompany lecture courses are an exception to this guideline, see Section 10.5.3). It is not acceptable to take three 1 unit courses to fulfill a 3 unit requirement, because as a rule three 1 unit courses will not together provide the depth or rigor of a single 3-unit course.

The ONLY exceptions:

Exception: 3-quarter unit Math and English courses that satisfy IGETC Area/s 1A or 2 may be applied if they are a part of a sequence, and at least two of the 3-quarter unit sequence courses have each been completed with “C” grade (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher. The course sequence must meet the rigor of IGETC Standards. (See Section/s 10.1.1 and/or 10.2)

Example A: Student takes English 101, 102, and 103 (3-quarter units each). The CCC certifying college may apply any combination of 101, 102 or 103 that have been completed with a “C” grade (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher, for a total of six quarter units, to clear Area 1A. The combination of courses must meet the rigor of the IGETC Standards. (See Section 10.1.1.)

Example B: Student takes Math 121, Calculus A (3 quarter units) and Math 122, Calculus B (3 quarter units) and completes each course with a “C” grade (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher. [Calculus 121 and 122 are the same as Calculus 120, Calculus (6 quarter units)]. The certifying CCC campus may apply Math 121 and 122, for a total of 6 quarter units, to IGETC Area 2 as long as the courses meet the rigor of the IGETC Standards. (See section 10.2)

8.2 Combining Quarter and Semester Units
When combining quarter and semester unit values within an IGETC area, units shall be converted to either all quarter units or all semester units to best serve the student. For FINAL VERSION 1.2 June 9, 2010 (For approval history, see last page)

For example, in Social/Behavioral Sciences (Area 4), a student needs either a minimum of 9 semester units or 12 quarter units. If a student takes one 4 quarter unit course and two 3 semester unit courses, convert the semester units to quarter units (6 units x 1.5 quarter Units =9 quarter units). The student will be credited with 13 quarter units in Area 4 and has satisfied the requirement. The conversion of units from semester to quarter for meeting minimum unit requirements may result in a student needing additional coursework to meet CSU graduation requirements. To graduate from the CSU, students must complete 48 semester or 72 quarter units of general education which includes 9 units of upper-division general education coursework, as determined by the receiving CSU campus. Compiled by CJackson8-18-10