

Change in Local General Education Pattern based on Title 5 changes to start Summer 2025.

1. Identify the key Issue, novel situation, challenge, problem, etc.
 - a. Title 5 changes (refer to [CCCCO Memo ELSEI 24-07](#)) require a review and revision of the current local General Education patterns at Bakersfield College.
2. Provide underlying rationale for addressing the issue.
 - a. Since Bakersfield College has a Summer 2025 catalog start, local changes to meet the new requirements should start Summer 2025 instead of Fall 2025. Addressing the issue now, in Spring 2024, allows the Assessment and Curriculum committees to prepare as well as faculty and staff who support enrollment, catalog, and degree conferral.
3. Include any relevant background and institutional history.
 - a. With Cal-GETC to start in Fall 2025, Title 5 for local associate degree requirements changed to more closely align and to provide greater completion access for students. Currently, BC
 - i. offers two local General Education patterns, one for the AA and one for the AS.
 - ii. lists Ethnic Studies/Diversity/Multicultural as a graduation requirement instead of a GE requirement which was the previous Title 5 language.
 - iii. combines Analytical Thinking with Mathematics instead of Oral Communication in local GE patterns.
 - iv. requires Lifelong Learning, Physical Education/ Kinesiology Movement, and American Institutions as part of the local GE.
 - b. Other changes will need to subsequently occur in BP/AP and the local catalog to both match the decision of the senate and the Title 5 requirements.
4. Anticipate opposing arguments.
5. Articulate possible solution(s), highlighting support for the most desirable outcome.

One local GE pattern starting Summer 2025:

Area 1:

- a) English Communication (3 units)
- b) Oral Communication or Critical Thinking (3 units)

Area 2: Mathematics or Quantitative Reasoning (3 units)

Area 3: Arts and Humanities (3 units)

Area 4: Social and Behavioral Science (3 units)

Area 5: Natural Science

Area 6: Ethnic Studies

Area 7:

- a) Lifelong Learning and Understanding (3 units)
- b) Kinesiology movement-based course (1 unit)

Area 8: American Institutions (3 units)

Total 10 Courses (28 semester units)

General Education Learning Outcomes and Guiding Notes are to be provided by Assessment and Curriculum Committees after pattern is approved.