

**CAL POLY HUMBOLDT**  
**University Senate**

**Resolution on Policy on GEAR Program Features and Course Certification Requirements**

22-23/24-ICC – April 23, 2024 – Second Reading

**RESOLVED:** That the University Senate of Cal Poly Humboldt recommends to the president that the attached Policy on GEAR Program Features and Course Certification Requirements be approved; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the policy be implemented beginning AY 24/25; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** By the end of AY 24/25, the ICC shall revisit the [University Curriculum Committee Memorandum February 26, 1999 \(revised April 14, 1999\)](#) and, if deemed appropriate, develop a policy outlining the content criteria for Diversity and Common Ground; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** By the end of AY 24/25, the ICC shall lead a review of policy item 10.c. relating to the double-counting American Institutions with other GEAR areas; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** As impending changes are made to regulations at the state and system level, the ICC shall lead conversations regarding implications for Cal Poly Humboldt GEAR requirements. Specifically, the revised Cal-GETC is the transfer pathway to a four-year degree for California’s community college students – a recent revision (effective Fall 2025) includes a single lower-division GE pattern for transfer to the CSU and UC system. Compared to the current GE requirements at Cal Poly Humboldt, the revised Cal-GETC includes a reduction of three units in lower division Area C (requires six rather than nine units), eliminates Area E (three units), and adds one unit to account for the Area B science lab. The net reduction is five units. [Amendments to Title 5](#) require corresponding changes to the GE requirements at each CSU to which all students (not just transfer students) will be subject. A [March 1, 2024 memo from the Chancellor’s Office to Cal Poly Humboldt](#) states that “Each CSU campus could make a determination as to how to use the five units that are not included in Cal-GETC or could allow these to be “free elective” units toward the minimum units required for a baccalaureate degree (120 semester units).” And be it further

**RESOLVED:** The ICC shall revisit this policy in AY 28/29, after three years of implementation.

**RATIONALE:** The purpose of this policy is to establish guiding principles for the General Education and All University Requirements (GEAR) program at Cal Poly Humboldt, to establish guidelines for what constitutes a GEAR course, and to establish requirements for offering courses in the various GEAR areas.