

7-12-05—email from Jo Service CSU Chancellor's office

CIAC colleagues--

I've been reminded that I promised to send out a statement on mixing quarter and semester units in a CSU GE-Breadth certification, and I apologize for the delay in doing so.

Unlike the course-based IGETC pattern, the CSU GE-Breadth pattern is unit-based. If some or all of the courses in a GE-Breadth area are in quarter units, the calculations should be done in quarter units. If those quarter units are appropriately distributed across subareas, then the area can be certified if the unit total is at least 12 quarter units (Areas A through D) or 4 quarter units (Area E). If all the areas are at or near the quarter-unit minimum, however, the CSU campus can require the student after transfer to take additional GE units to bring the quarter-unit total for the five areas up to 58.5 quarter units, plus the usual upper-division GE. So if the student has more than the minimum quarter units in an area, please do include the "excess" units in the certification, up to 15 quarter units per area (Areas A through D) and up to 5 quarter units in Area E. Most students do accumulate more than 12 quarter units in the process of meeting Area B, for example, so that's a place to look for units to include that will bring the quarter-unit-equivalent total closer to 58.5.

Our new Associate Dean, Chris Hanson, and I are beginning to plan a "frequently asked GE questions" feature for the Academic Program Planning Web-site-to-be, and I expect this statement to be featured there.

Cheers.

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