

PIERCE COLLEGE



How to Choose Classes

Step 1: Identify and/or Clarify Your Educational Goal

See a counselor if you need help clarifying your educational goal.

Step 2: Review General Education Requirements for your educational goal.

Choose from:

General Education for Associates Degrees found in the General Catalog and Schedule of Classes

IGETC for transfer to UC and Cal State University campuses

CSU Certified Plan for Cal State campuses only

Individual, specific pattern for independent (private) or out-of-state campuses

Step 3: Identify General Education Courses You Still Need to Complete

Mark requirements still needed

Pay special attention to the "Golden Four"(see below)

- Oral Communication (for CSU only)
- Written Composition
- Critical Thinking
- Math/Quantitative Reasoning

-Note courses with prerequisites that involve multi-semester sequences such as math, chemistry, physics and English

-Courses must be completed with C grades or better

Step 4: Identify Major Preparation Courses | use the General Catalog or www.assist.org

Make a list of the major preparation courses noting which may also satisfy General Education requirements

If you have a transfer major such as engineering, computer science or liberal studies for elementary teaching, note that there are different General Education requirements. See a counselor.

Step 5: Prepare Your Schedule

-Make math, English, critical thinking and speech classes a priority (use the charts in the Schedule of Classes). Take the next level of math and/or English if you have not yet reached the levels required for your educational goal. **Fill these in first.**

- Identify any prerequisites needed for classes in future semesters. **Fill these in next.**
- Identify the courses required as preparation for your major. **Add these.**
- Identify General Education courses from **Step 3** which remain. **Add these.**

Step 6: Choose Your Classes