



UC San Diego Sixth College General Education Requirements 2026-2027 Academic Year

Sixth Writing Requirement (3 Courses)

☐ Core Sequence

All students admitted as first year students will take a three-quarter core sequence titled Culture, Art, and Technology (CAT). CAT is a highly interdisciplinary sequence integrating learning in arts and humanities, social sciences, science, and engineering. Students must complete CAT 1, 2, and 3 in order. The Entry Level Writing Requirement must be completed to enroll in CAT 1. The Sixth College Core Sequence cannot be replaced with college courses taken at other institutions. When possible, CAT 1, 2, and 3 should be completed in the first year.

CAT 1 (Fall 4 Units) | CAT 2 (Winter 6 Units) | CAT 3 (Spring 6 Units)

Breadth Requirements (11 Courses) Select courses from the list below. If you have any questions, please contact Sixth College Academic Advising through vac.ucsd.edu. Courses offered by major departments can overlap with GE Requirements. R versions of courses on the GE list below are also permitted.

☐ Information Technology Fluency (1 Programming Course/4 units)

A score of 4 or 5 on AP Computer Science A will satisfy this requirement.

Biology: BILD 62

Cognitive Science: COGS 3, 8, 18

Computational Social Science: CSS 1

Computer Science and Engineering: CSE 3, 6R, 8A, 11

Data Science: DSC 10

Electrical and Computer Engineering: ECE 15

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering: MAE 8

NanoEngineering: NANO/CENG 15

Structural Engineering: SE 9

☐ Social Analysis (2 Social Sciences Courses/8 units)

A score of 4 or 5 on AP Economics, Government, or Psychology can be used towards satisfying this requirement. Choose two courses from two different academic departments from the list below.

Anthropology: ANTH 1-4, 21, 23

Cognitive Science: COGS 1, 11, 15

Communication: COMM 10, 20, 30

Critical Gender Studies: CGS 2A, 2B

Economics: ECON 1-3

Education Studies: EDS 25, 117

Ethnic Studies: ETHN 1-3, 20

International Studies: INTL 101, 102

Latin American Studies: LATI 10, 50

Linguistics: LIGN 7, 8, 101

Management, Rady School of: MGT 16, 18, 166

Political Science: POLI 10/10D-13/13D

Psychology: PSYC 1-7

Sociology: SOCI 1, 2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70

Urban Studies and Planning: USP 2, 3

☐ Narrative, Aesthetic, and Historical Reasoning (2 Humanities Courses/8 units)

A score of 3, 4, or 5 on AP African American Studies, Art History, History, Language other than English, or Literature (non-English) can be used towards satisfying this requirement.

African American Studies: AAS 10

Communication: COMM 80

Chinese Studies: CHIN 10-20

Global South Studies: GSS 21-27

History: HILD 2A-2C, 7A-7C, 10-12, 14, 30

Japanese Studies: JAPN 10-20

Jewish Studies: JWSP 1-3

Linguistics: Lower-division Linguistics courses that are taught in languages other than English (except LIDS)

Literature: Literature courses between LT** 1-50 (except LTWR) and/or any Literature course taught in languages other than English

Music: MUS 4, 6-19

Philosophy: PHIL 1, 13-15, 26, 31-33, 35

Religion, Study of: RELI 1, 2

Theatre and Dance: TDGE 1, 10, 11, 25, 124-127; TDHD 20, 21; TDHT 10, 21-23

Visual Arts: VIS 20-22, 84, 85A, 159

Sixth College General Education Requirements Continued

- ☐ **Analytic Methodologies/Scientific Method (2 Natural Science Courses/8 units)** A score of 3, 4, or 5 on AP Biology, Chemistry, or Physics 1, 2, or C; or a score of 4 or 5 on AP Environmental Science can be used towards satisfying this requirement.

Anthropology: ANTH 5

Astronomy & Astrophysics: ASTR 1-4, 10, 18

Biology: BILD 1-3, 7-38

Cognitive Science: COGS 17, 107A

Chemistry: CHEM 4, 6A-6C, 6AH-6CH, 11

Physics: PHYS 1A/1AL-1C/1CL, 2A-2C, 4A-4E, 8-12

Scripps Institution of Oceanography: SIO 1-50

Environmental Studies: ENVR 30

Environmental Systems: ESYS 10

- ☐ **Structured Reasoning (1 Math/Logic Course/4 units)** A score of 3, 4, or 5 on AP Calculus AB or BC exam satisfies this requirement.

Linguistics: LIGN 17

Mathematics: MATH 3C, 4C, 10A-10C, 20A-20C

Philosophy: PHIL 10, 12

- ☐ **Exploring Data (1 Statistics Course/4 units)** A score of 3, 4, or 5 on AP Statistics satisfies this requirement.

Bioengineering: BENG 100

Chemical Engineering: CENG 100, 114

Cognitive Science: COGS 14B

Computer Science and Engineering: CSE 103

Economics: ECON 5, 120A

Electrical and Computer Engineering: ECE 109

Human Developmental Science: HDS 60

Management, Rady School of: MGT 3

Mathematics: MATH 11, 180A, 183, 186

Mechanical Engineering: MAE 108

NanoEngineering: NANO 114

Political Science: POLI 5/5D, 30/30D

Psychology: PSYC 60

Scripps Institution of Oceanography: SIO 187

Sociology: SOCI 60

Structural Engineering: SE 125

- ☐ **Art Making (8 units)** A score of 3, 4, or 5 on AP Art Studio or Music can be used towards satisfying this requirement.

Communication: COMM 101

Design: DSGN 1, 100

Literature: LTWR 8A-8C

Music: MUS 1A-1C, 2A-2C, 2AK-CK, 5, 80, 95C-W

Theater and Dance: TDAC 1, 101; TDDE 1; TDDR 101;

TDDM 1, 5, 100, 101; TDMV 1-3, 11, 38, 43, 110, 120, 122, 123, 130, 148, 149; TDPW 1

Visual Arts: VIS 1-3, 9, 41, 60, 70N, 80

Upper Division Requirements (2 Courses)

- ☐ **Experiential Learning Requirement (4 units)**

Sixth College Experiential Learning is an upper-division, four-unit general education requirement that embodies the college's commitment to active, hands-on experiential learning. Students enroll in courses that have an experiential component to the curriculum such as an internship, research project, or global experience in order to develop both their academic and professional skills. It is an opportunity for students to integrate theory and practice by making connections between classroom learning and real-world experiences, both locally and abroad. Some Experiential Learning options require students to submit a proposal the quarter before they begin their project. Visit sixth.ucsd.edu/elr/index.html for more information.

- ☐ **CAT 125/125R: Public Rhetoric and Practical Communication (4 units)**

CAT 125 is an upper-division composition course in public rhetoric and practical communication, including oral presentation, academic writing in print formats, and digital content-creation. Visit sixth.ucsd.edu/cat/courses/index.html for more information.