

General Subject Area Requirements

At UC Santa Barbara, academics shine as brightly as the sun over our slice of California coastline. From hard sciences to studio art and all points in between, educational opportunities abound. We offer more than 200 majors, degrees and credentials — and we take pride in helping students discover one that ignites their passion.

As such, UC Santa Barbara students must complete General Subject Area Requirements. The key below shows common GE abbreviations. For more detailed information about GE requirements, students should consult with an academic advising specialist in their College.

General Subject Area Requirement	Abbreviation
Entry-Level Writing	SUB
Area A-1	A1
Area A-2	A2
Area B	B
Area C	C
Area D	D
Area E	E
Area F	F
Area G	G
Area H (Engineering Only)	H
American History & Institutions	AMH
Ethnicity Requirement	ETH
European Traditions	EUR
World Cultures	NWC
Quantitative Relationships	QNT
Writing Requirement	WRT