



Spring 2025 Advising and Course Selection Guide for *Proteus* and Integrated GE Certificate

This sheet is for students who have expressed an interest in pursuing our 12-unit certificate as you sign up for Fall 2025 courses.

3 GATEWAY UNITS: each of the courses below counts as the Gateway units for the program. Any section of the courses below starting in Fall 25 are “Gateway” sections. We have also indicated in parenthesis which prior sections were revised to meet our “Gateway” Criteria. These courses can count retroactively for your certificate.

EGL 101/102 Stretch Composition (AY 23-24 and AY 24-25, all sections)

EGL 100 English Composition (Spring 25, all sections)

EGL 220 Critical Thinking (Fall 23 Senk or Parsons, Spring 24 Senk, AY 24-25 all sections)

EGL 200 Introduction to Literature (AY 24-25 all sections)

9 PATHWAY UNITS: To complete the certificate, select three of your remaining GE courses from within one of three thematic clusters. That is, you select **one theme** and **take three classes** within that cluster. You should select classes from at **least two different** academic disciplines.

Note: the list below is evolving, and new options will be added over time. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are being offered in Fall 2025. If you took any of the following courses before Fall 2025, these courses count retroactively toward a Certificate.

Maritime Culture	The Environment	Leadership/Global Citizenship
HUM 115 Maritime Arts *	OCN 100 Marine Biology *	PHY 120 Physics for Future Leaders
GMA 220 Comparative Maritime Policies	OCN 110 Marine Ecology	EGL 340 Multicultural Literature
HIS 300 Maritime History	OCN 105 Intro to Oceanography	HUM 325 Globalization of Culture
EGL 309 British Literature of the Sea	GMA 250 Environmental Policy *	HUM 380 Ethical Inquiry *
EGL 310 US Literature of the Sea *	GMA 310 Geopolitics of Energy *	HUM 400 Ethics
EGL 315 World Literature of the Sea	GMA 320 Ocean Environmental Management	GMA 300 US Foreign Policy *
HUM 350 Maritime Culture *	OCN 320 Oceans and Climate *	GMA 355 Cross Cultural Competence
	LAW 200 Environmental Law	GMA 415 Strategy and War *
	EGL 345 Literature and the Environment *	GMA 425 Civil Conflict
	NAU 330 Meteorology *	LAW 300 International Law

If you completed General Education courses at another institution, we may count one of those courses in a thematic cluster on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Dr. Parsons or Dr. Senk for inquiries.

See reverse for a list of FAQs related to our program and the certificate.

FAQS:

How do I know if I have already taken or am currently taking a “Gateway” class?	These are the sections and semesters that count for your 3-unit “Gateway” course: EGL 100 English Composition: Spring 2025 (all) EGL 101/102 Stretch Composition: AY 23-24 and AY 24-25 (all) EGL 220 Critical Thinking: Fall 23 (Senk or Parsons), Spring 24 (Senk), Fall 24 (all), Spring 25 (all) EGL 200 Intro to Literature: Fall 24, Spring 25 (all)
I have taken more than one of these. Do they all count toward the 12-unit certificate?	For the certificate, any one of the classes above fulfills your “Gateway” requirement, but they do not become part of the addition 9 units for the “Pathway” requirements. We wanted to create multiple options for students who might have taken AP credits (for EGL 100) or transferred from other schools.
I have already taken most of the classes in one of the Thematic Clusters. Can those courses count retroactively?	Yes! While the Gateway requirement has to come from the list above, we can retroactively include any of the courses on our list as part of your “Pathway” units.
Do I have to take my 9 themed units in the same semester?	No! As long as you complete your units before you graduate, you will get the certificate!
Are the classes identified in the Thematic Clusters all going to suddenly become English classes?	No! While some instructors might highlight the connections between their classes and the Gateway classes, their methods and materials all remain the same. The certificate program is about your selection of courses.
Can I do the Certificate without slowing down my progress to graduation?	Yes! The program draws from requirements that you already have to meet. You should not have to add any additional units to your degree plan.
Does the program involve more than just classes?	Yes! We are working on other elements like cultural events, field trips, speakers, and social gatherings. Stay tuned!
If I have questions about my progress, who do I contact?	Excellent question! You can write to or visit Amy Parsons (aparsons@csum.edu) or Sarah Senk (ssenk@csum.edu).
How will my progress be tracked?	You will need to fill out a short form so that we can see when you’ve completed all the requirements for the Certificate. If you haven’t already received an invitation to this form, please contact Amy Parsons (aparsons@csum.edu).