

**Discussion Support Document – Final Title 5 Alignment of the SRJC Local General Education Pattern  
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The final task of the Academic Senate is concerning the alignment of our SRJC Local General Education Pattern and Associate Degree Graduation Requirements with Title V updates and our local exemption policies, both preexisting and new. [A video explainer has also been provided by Kate Blackwell, Articulation Officer, available here.](#)

There are four exemptions to be reviewed and confirmed. Two of the exemptions required to be maintained, **as highlighted** in the list below, have been long standing SRJC, Title V, and Statewide policies. Senate input and discussion is required **on the additional two exemptions (in bold below)**. Title V requires students to complete all units in Areas 1 through 6 as outlined in Title V. Our decision to include additional local SRJC Areas 7 and 8 will be the areas impacted by these possible exemptions.

**Exemptions to SRJC Graduation Requirements:**

- 1) Students in certain high-unit majors;**
- 2) Students choosing the CSU GE or IGETC or Cal-GETC pattern;**
- 3) Students who have completed 6 or more months of continuous active military service (see also [ASCCC Resolution 18.04](#));**
- 4) Students holding a baccalaureate degree from an institutionally-accredited institution**

**Background For Consideration:**

**1. Students in certain high unit majors:** Students following a local AA/AS degree program that requires 34-36 units would have the ability to waive up to 3-units **from Areas 7 or 8 only**. Students following a local AA/AS degree program that requires 37 or more units would have the ability to waive up to 6-units from Areas 7 or 8 only. This would keep student requirements at / close to the 60-unit Associate Degree requirements with the combination of degree required coursework and the GE pattern. *Note:* Some students will not utilize the waiver based on their course choices or even major course requirements depending on which program they are following. The most common use of the exemption will be amongst our Health Science Degree completers; for example, Dental Hygiene is a good example of a degree that has a 97.5-unit requirement.

2. SRJC has consistently allowed students following an AA/AS to choose among all offered GE patterns. Students currently following a CSU or IGETC pattern, are exempt from completing local GE. This will be maintained beyond Fall 2025, when Cal-GETC takes the place of the CSU and IGETC patterns. Students following an AA or AS degree may choose from Local GE or Cal-GETC whereas students following an ADT program can only complete Cal-GETC per the state mandate.

**3. Students who have completed 6 or more months of continuous active military service:** Recommended and encouraged by [ASCCC Resolution 18.04](#) (for more detail and history, see also the [CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE report and findings "AWARDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE CREDIT FOR PRIOR MILITARY EXPERIENCE Military Credit Survey, March 2016"](#)) and also [our local Credit for Prior Learning \(CPL\) policy which includes the ACE recommendations for Military Credit](#). **This exemption would be a 3-unit credit toward Area 7 only, Student Success and Wellness, for eligible students.** This credit award is one of the ways that we can successfully align with our updated CPL Policy.

4. Students holding a baccalaureate degree from an institutionally accredited institution are exempt from having to complete an additional GE pattern in their pursuit of a secondary (or beyond) degree, as they have already completed a General Education pattern.