

## **CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

### **BP 4025 PHILOSOPHY AND CRITERIA FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND GENERAL EDUCATION**

**References:** ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.3  
Title 5 Sections 55061

Courses that are designated to fulfill the general education and depth requirements shall meet the following philosophy.

The awarding of an Associate degree is intended to represent more than an accumulation of units. It is to symbolize a successful attempt on the part of the District to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights. Among these are the ability to:

- Think and to communicate clearly and effectively through oral and written expression;
- Develop logical and convincing arguments, reaching conclusions that are based on comprehensive inquiry;
- Adapt and apply technology to facilitate the acquisition and effective use of information;
- Understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines;
- Enhance the appreciation of the arts;
- Develop a lifestyle that will enhance physical and mental health and wellness;
- Appreciate the contributions of different cultures, eras, and traditions to the human experience;
- Achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethics, integrity, honesty, self-management and the welfare of others;
- Develop the capacity for self-understanding; and
- Become informed citizens and problem solvers.

In addition to these accomplishments, the student shall possess sufficient depth in some field of knowledge to contribute to lifetime interest.

Central to an Associate degree, general education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world. The general education curriculum includes coursework from: Arts and Humanities; Language and Rationality; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Mathematics and Natural Sciences. It reflects the conviction of colleges that those who receive their degrees must possess in common certain basic principles, concepts and methodologies both unique to and shared by the various disciplines. College educated persons must be able to use this knowledge when

evaluating and appreciating the physical environment, the culture, and the society in which they live. Most important, general education should lead to better understanding.

In establishing or modifying a general education program, ways shall be sought to create coherence and integration among the separate requirements. It is also desirable that general education programs involve students actively in examining values inherent in proposed solutions to major society problems.

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures to assure that courses used to meet general education and associate degree requirements meet the standards in this policy. The procedures shall provide for appropriate Academic Senate involvement.

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