

BP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education

References:

Title 5 Section 55061; Accreditation Standard II.A.3

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

The awarding of an associate degree at Imperial Valley College represents more than an accumulation of units. The General Education program is a series of courses designed to lead students through patterns of learning experiences that will allow them to develop a breadth of knowledge to gain a command of subject areas and methods of inquiry that characterize the liberally educated person.

Through general education, students are encouraged to increase their skill level and expand their understanding of the physical world and the complex inter-relationships of individuals and groups within their social environments; understand the various modes of inquiry of the major and certificate disciplines; deepen appreciation of artistic and cultural heritages, and become aware of other cultures and times; strengthen their ability to communicate, reason, and critically evaluate information both orally and in writing; acquire a positive attitude toward learning, and develop self-understanding. As a result, they are better able to recognize, understand, and act upon the complex personal, social, scientific, and political issues that confront them daily.

After successfully completing the general education curriculum at Imperial Valley College, students will demonstrate ability to:

- A broad understanding of mathematics, science, social science, humanities, and the arts.
- Communicate effectively and analytically in writing, listening and speaking.
- Develop critical and constructive thinking for problem solving and value discrimination.
- Understand social interaction by learning of other cultures and times and the complex interrelationships of individuals and groups within their social environments.
- Develop the ability to adapt to new environments and technologies
- Develop responsibility for individual actions and respect for diverse people and cultures.

The District 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.

See Administrative Procedure 4025

