

# GENERAL EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

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In accordance with the mission, vision, and values, the general educational philosophy provides that students who complete a degree program at San José City College will engage in a well-planned and executed program of general education that:

- Fosters personal growth and lifelong learning
- Presents and interrelates with a broad range of human knowledge and thought
- Expands the range of scientific, intellectual, and aesthetic experiences, interests, and abilities
- Develops effective personal, interpersonal, and social skills
- Assists in the process of clarifying and applying values in daily life
- Fosters a sense of civic responsibility
- Expands understanding of national and global affairs
- Fosters the sense of individuality in the context of the larger world

Helping our students achieve these general education learning outcomes is a shared responsibility in all coursework and across all programmatic functions at the College. General education learning outcomes include a specific focus on such topics as:

- Aesthetic Sensitivity
- Civic Responsibility and Involvement
- Civility
- Computer Competency
- Critical Analysis/Logical Thinking
- Individual, Cultural and International Diversity
- Ethical Principles
- Historical Sensitivity
- Information Competency
- Personal Integration
- Interpersonal Skills
- Oral Communication
- Political Awareness
- Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning
- Social Responsibility
- Working in Groups
- Written Communication
- Critical Reading Skills
- Economic Theory

All students achieve these learning outcomes, in part, through participation in a general education core curriculum that includes work in:

- Written Communication
- Oral Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Fine Arts, Humanities
- Social and Behavioral Science

- Lifelong Understanding and Self Development
- Physical Health and Activity
- Cultural Diversity/Ethnic Studies

A concentration of major courses combined with general education will comprise an Associate Degree.