GENERAL EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

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.