GENERAL EDUCATION

The Cabrillo College Governing Board recognizes that general education is an essential component of an Associate Degree and is designed to introduce students to a variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world. It is the philosophy of Cabrillo College that students should possess in common certain basic principles, concepts and methodologies both unique to and shared by the various disciplines. Moreover, coherence and integration among these separate requirements should be stressed and the active involvement of students in examining values inherent in proposed solutions to problems should be fundamental. Educated persons should be able to use general education knowledge when evaluating and appreciating the physical environment, the culture and the society in which they live. General education should also promote self understanding and awareness, appreciation, and respect for diverse cultures.

The Cabrillo College Governing Board shall approve graduation requirements including general education requirements. In addition, the Governing Board shall approve the philosophy of general education and the criteria to determine which courses may be used to satisfy general education requirements. The Governing Board shall review, on a regular basis, the policy and criteria.

The Academic Council, a standing committee of the Faculty Senate, shall review the general education philosophy, criteria and requirements and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate shall forward its recommendations to the Vice President, Instruction who recommends to the Governing Board.

**Legal Reference:** Ca. Adm. Code, Title 5, Section 55805.

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