

# GENERAL EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

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General Education requirements at LBCC provide a broad educational experience that encourages students to explore various areas of human inquiry and equips them with a range of intellectual and practical skills to succeed in a rapidly-changing world. As the foundation of life-long learning, these requirements expose students to the principles, methods, values and thought processes employed in different disciplines and impart a strong sense of the social and ethical responsibilities associated with being civic-minded, informed and engaged global citizens.

The awarding of an Associate degree represents more than an accumulation of units. It symbolizes a successful attempt on the part of the college 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 both orally and in writing, to use quantitative reasoning skills, to understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines, to be aware of other cultures and time periods, to appreciate the contributions and struggles of various communities and ethnic groups within the United States, to achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical issues, and to develop the capacity for self-understanding.