



BOARD POLICY

No. 401

MENDOCINO - LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

PHILOSOPHY AND CRITERIA ON GENERAL EDUCATION

The Board of Trustees of Mendocino-Lake Community College District embraces the philosophy that general education is an integrated curriculum designed to prepare the student for better self-understanding and for the responsibilities of living in a global society. General Education is intended to introduce students to the variety of academic disciplines and ways of knowing in the contemporary intellectual world. It is intended to encompass the widest spectrum of key concepts and reflect the key concepts and methods of the sciences, the arts and humanities, and the social sciences and reflect the conviction of the Board of Trustees that those who attain an academic degree should possess in common certain basic abilities, skills and attitudes representative of an educated person. Essential elements of general education include critical thinking, effective communication and knowledge of the multiple dimensions of the modern world. General Education courses are offered at a post-secondary level of instruction.

General Education provides a core of knowledge which enables the student to:

1. Develop new insights about the complex forces in the modern world.
2. Develop the ability to think and communicate clearly and effectively through the use of oral, written, and mathematical skills, and to understand and apply critical thinking and the modes of inquiry of major disciplines.
3. Become aware of other cultures and times.
4. Achieve a deeper understanding about the ethical choices individuals face in contemporary society
5. Develop the capacity for self-understanding.
6. Examine the values inherent in proposed solutions to major social problems.

The above criteria will be reviewed regularly. The Board of Trustees authorize the Superintendent/President to charge the Curriculum Committee to determine which courses meet these criteria based on a clearly established procedure. The Board of Trustees further authorizes the Superintendent/President to charge the Curriculum Committee to determine which courses meet the Institutional Requirements of Studies and Culture and Wellness.

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