

**IMPERIAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**BP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education**

Reference:

Title 5 Section 55061

ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A (formerly II.A.3)

Courses that are designated to fulfill the general education and depth requirements shall meet the following philosophy:

The awarding of an associate degree at Imperial Valley College represents more than an accumulation of units. The General Education program is a series of courses designed to lead students through patterns of learning experiences that will allow them to develop a breadth of knowledge to gain a command of subject areas and methods of inquiry that characterize the liberally educated person.

Through general education, students are encouraged to increase their skill level and expand their understanding of the physical world and the complex inter-relationships of individuals and groups within their social environments; understand the various modes of inquiry of the major and certificate disciplines; deepen appreciation of artistic and cultural heritages, and become aware of other cultures and times; strengthen their ability to communicate, reason, and critically evaluate information both orally and in writing; acquire a positive attitude toward learning, and develop self-understanding. As a result, they are better able to recognize, understand, and act upon the complex personal, social, scientific, and political issues that confront them daily.

The CEO shall establish procedures to assure that courses used to meet general education and associate degree requirements meet the standards in this policy. The procedures shall provide for appropriate Academic Senate involvement.

See AP 4025