

The awarding of an associate degree is intended to represent more than an accumulation of units. It is to symbolize a successful attempt on the part of the college to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights.

In addition to these accomplishments, the student shall possess sufficient depth in some field of knowledge to contribute to lifetime interest and career pursuit.

The MiraCosta Community College District General Education Program promotes skill development and knowledge acquisition through the study of ideas, the analysis of data, and the interpretation of issues and events. Students completing the MiraCosta Community College District General Education Program are systematic, critical, creative thinkers and clear communicators who are intellectually curious, culturally and scientifically literate, civic-minded, and aesthetically appreciative. These students are able to demonstrate the following:

1. A broad understanding of mathematics, science, social science, humanities, and the arts.
2. Effective communication in oral and written form.
3. A multicultural, global perspective.
4. Critical thinking skills that apply analytical and creative approaches to problem solving.
5. The ability to adapt to new environments and technologies.
6. Social awareness and responsibility as a participating member of society.

In modifying its general education program, the MiraCosta Community College District will continue to seek coherence and integration among the separate requirements, and to establish a general education program that actively involves students in examining values inherent in proposed solutions to major social problems.

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