

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

General education courses allow students to: broaden their knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values; develop analytical ability and critical thinking; and foster interest in life-long learning in educational, scientific and cultural fields essential for effective participation in a complex society.

Upon successful completion of the general education requirements, the Cuyamaca student will be able to:

Language and Rationality

- Form a provable thesis and develop it through factual research;
- Make effective rhetorical choices in relation to audience and purpose;
- Draw reasonable conclusions and/or generate appropriate solutions;
- Use verbal and non-verbal languages in a clear and precise manner;
- Distinguish between fact and opinion;
- Analyze and critically evaluate complex issues or problems;
- Evaluate a variety of quantitative and qualitative symbol expressions and systems;

Natural Sciences

- Use the scientific method to investigate phenomena in the natural world;
- Use concepts, theories and technology to explain phenomena in the natural world;
- Outline the methods and activities of scientific inquiry used to solve problems in science;
- Identify limitations to the types of questions that can be answered scientifically;

Humanities

- Analyze and interpret human thought, achievement, and expression and communicate the results;
- Express appreciation of a wide variety of cultural and artistic expression;
- Articulate the complex relationships between the arts and their cultural, historical, and economic contexts; and
- Evaluate the various elements of artistic works;

Social and Behavioral Sciences

- Critically examine and identify human nature and behavior;
- Critically examine social traditions and institutions;
- Examine interactions and interconnections across cultures;
- Use methods of inquiry and measurement.