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General Education
General Education Philosophy

Every College of Marin graduate will have a broad education introducing the student to knowledge and the means through which human beings understand their world. General education courses foster this understanding by developing the student’s ability to think, and by stressing the interdependency of cultures and disciplines.

The courses facilitate analysis, criticism, and synthesis, and require extensive reading, speaking, and writing. They emphasize participation, and encourage the student to experiment with modern technology. General education courses are designed to broaden the student’s view of self, society, and the world, and to prepare the student to be an active, ethical participant in life.

Courses in general education will provide the student with the opportunity to:
• Read, write, and speak competently.
• Perform proficiently in mathematics, analytical thinking, and abstract logical thinking.
• Acquire a general background in the major areas of knowledge: humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and natural sciences.
• Promote an understanding of the diversity and similarity of all groups that comprise contemporary American society.
• Understand the democratic process.
• Value physical well-being through participation in physical exercise and health education.
• Develop an awareness of the interrelationship of all living things with their environment and the urgency of directing energies and knowledge to protect the world.