GE Statement for 2012-2013 Catalog:

College of Marin’s Commitment to an Excellent Educational Foundation

Students come to College of Marin to achieve a wide variety of goals including obtaining foundational skills in Math, English and ESL, Career or Technical training, an AA or AS degree, and transfer, as well as for lifelong learning and cultural enrichment. No matter what a student’s reasons are, the college is committed to the educational growth of all undergraduates and the development of the following academic skills that would allow students to pursue any major:

1. **Written, Oral and Visual Communication**: Communicate effectively in writing, orally and/or visually using traditional and/or modern information resources and supporting technology.

2. **Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning**: Locate, identify, collect, and organize data in order to then analyze, interpret or evaluate it using mathematical skills and/or the scientific method.

3. **Critical Thinking**: Differentiate between facts, influences, opinions, and assumptions to reach reasoned and supportable conclusions.

4. **Problem Solving**: Recognize and identify the components of a problem or issue, look at it from multiple perspectives and investigate ways to resolve it.

5. **Information Literacy**: Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate and apply information from a variety of sources - print and/or electronic.

College of Marin General Education Statement of Purpose

While college students choose a specific field of study, part of their educational experience and requirements will include a program of general education. This well-rounded, student-driven educational package is intended to be complementary to, but different in emphasis from, the specialized education received for a job or a profession, or from focusing on a particular field of study. By completing a general education program, students will expand their knowledge of the content and methodologies in a variety of subject areas. College of Marin expects students to:

- Become effective written, oral and visual communicators for many audiences;
- Be flexible, curious, and open to new experiences;
- Recognize how they connect to and affect their community and the world beyond;
- Enhance economic survival skills for the workplace and marketplace;
- Think critically, ethically, independently, and creatively about a variety of topics that will be useful to them in the real world and hone these thinking skills in a way which can be used throughout their entire life;
- See the interconnectedness of topics and use multiple disciplines to help achieve deeper understanding of past, present and future events at local, national and global levels.
- Become a more widely informed citizen who appreciates the importance of intellectual, scientific and artistic accomplishments;
- Engage in healthful living and wellness physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.