
Board Policy
Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

BP 4025 PHILOSOPHY AND CRITERIA FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND GENERAL EDUCATION

References:

Title 5 Section 55061;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A

The Long Beach Community College District shall offer Associate Degrees and General Education programs that are an integral part of the institution's educational program and will comply with all legal requirements.

General Education requirements at Long Beach City College provide a broad educational experience that encourages students to explore various areas of human inquiry and equips them with a range of intellectual and practical skills to succeed in a rapidly-changing world. As the foundation of life-long learning, these requirements expose students to the principles, methods, values and thought processes employed in different disciplines and impart a strong sense of the social and ethical responsibilities associated with being civic-minded, informed and engaged global citizens.

The awarding of an Associate degree represents more than an accumulation of units. It symbolizes a successful attempt on the part of the college to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights. Among these are the ability to think and to communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, to use quantitative reasoning skills, to understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines, to be aware of other cultures and time periods, to appreciate the contributions and struggles of various communities and ethnic groups within the United States, to achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical issues, and to develop the capacity for self-understanding.

Also see AP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education, AP 4021 Program Discontinuance, and BP/AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates.

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