

Oakland Community College
General Education Philosophy & Outcomes

Philosophy

General Education will enable students to acquire and apply a broad foundation of knowledge and skills needed to be productive and responsible in a changing world.

Outcomes

The Oakland Community College General Education distribution courses and other campus experiences lead to the development of the following:

- **Critical thinking:** Graduates can demonstrate and apply the skills to conceptualize, think creatively and innovatively, analyze, synthesize, and apply information.
- **Effective Communication:** Graduates can demonstrate and apply skills for effective written and oral (including non-verbal) communication.
- **Global Understanding and Responsibility:** Graduates understand global issues and the potential impact of their decisions on other individuals, groups and the environment. Graduates can identify opportunities and articulate personal intentions to improve global conditions.
- **Information literacy:** Graduates will be able to use information ethically and legally, and identify, explore, analyze and apply appropriate information resources to a specific task.
- **Personal Development:** Graduates understand personal development as a life-long process. Graduates can demonstrate strategies for physical and psychosocial well being, as well as personal responsibility for decisions and behaviors.
- **Social Responsibility:** Graduates understand the rights, responsibilities, and privileges necessary to become informed participating community members.
- **Quantitative literacy:** Graduates can perform mathematical computations, identify and draw inferences from relevant information, and represent mathematical information graphically, symbolically, numerically, and verbally.
- **Scientific literacy:** Graduates can apply fundamental scientific principles and methods of inquiry to understand the impacts of scientific research and technology.
- **Aesthetic Awareness:** Graduates will have an appreciation of the role of aesthetic expression in daily life

“Other Oakland Community College courses reinforce and model this philosophy.”