

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

**AP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree & General Education**

Monterey Peninsula College awards the Associate Degree to represent a student's successful completion of a series of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights, including the ability to:

- think and communicate clearly and effectively orally and writing;
- use mathematics;
- understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines;
- be aware of other cultures and times;
- achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems; and
- develop the capacity for self-understanding.

In addition to these accomplishments, the student shall possess sufficient depth in a specific field of knowledge to contribute to lifetime interest.

Central to an Associate Degree, General Education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world. Monterey Peninsula College's General Education curriculum reflects the conviction that students who receive Associate degrees shall possess knowledge of basic principles, concepts and methodologies unique to, and shared by, the various disciplines. College-educated persons must be able to use this knowledge when evaluating and appreciating the natural world, the culture, and the society in which they live. Most importantly, general education shall lead students to better understanding of their world.

Refer to MPC's [General Education Standards](#) for criteria used to determine how courses are approved to be a part of the General Education curriculum.

See Board Policy 4025 - Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree & General Education

**References:** *Title 5 Section 55061;*  
*ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A*

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