

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students may select from one of two general education patterns depending on their educational and transfer goals. California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) is required for transfer degrees (AA-T, AS-T, AS-UCT); non-transfer degrees (AA, AS) may use either the CalGETC or MPC General Education pattern. Each degree notes the applicable GE patterns that may be used.

MPC General Education Philosophy

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 mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
- 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. The General Education curriculum provides an opportunity for students to develop intellectual skills; information technology competency; social and creative capabilities; and an appreciation for cultural diversity. 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.

At Monterey Peninsula College, the institution's General Education Learning Outcomes specify the ways students will demonstrate knowledge and abilities gained while completing the General Education program.

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