

Rancho Santiago Community College District
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
Chapter 4
Academic Affairs

AR 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Degrees and General Education

Reference(s):

Title 5 Section 55061 and 55090 et seq.
ACCJC Accreditation Standard 2

The philosophy and criteria for the associate degree and general education should address the considerations contained in the references listed above. These include, but are not limited to:

- The programs of the District are consistent with the institutional mission, purposes, demographics and economics of its community.
- The philosophy and criteria regarding the associate degree references the policy of the Board of Governors that the associate degree symbolizes a successful attempt to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insight, including:
 - the ability to think and communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in 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
 - to develop the capacity for self-understanding.

The philosophy and criteria regarding the baccalaureate degree should address the considerations contained in the references listed above and reference the District's baccalaureate degree goals, which shall include addressing unmet local and regional workforce needs.

The philosophy and criteria regarding general education references the policy of the Board of Governors that general education should lead to better self-understanding, including:

- General education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world.
- General education introduces the content and methodology of the major areas of knowledge and provides an opportunity for students to develop intellectual and information technology skills, affective and creative capabilities, social attitudes, and an appreciation for cultural diversity.
- The Academic Senate primarily relies upon the Curriculum and Instruction Council for the development of courses and curriculum, reference AR 4020 and the Curriculum Handbook.

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