GENERAL EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

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Existing Philosophy statement – According to accreditation – Not Strong Enough

The requirements for graduation represent State and institutional minimum general requirements as well as the firm commitment on the part of Imperial Valley College to the principles of general education. These requirements in general education are designed to develop the potential of every student, broaden their outlook, and contribute to the realization of the well-balanced whole person.

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Title 5 – 55061 (See Yellow Document)
States: "The governing board of a community college district shall adopt a policy which states its specific philosophy on General Education. …."

REFERENCE
Institutional Student Learning Outcomes
The graduates of Imperial Valley College will demonstrate communication skills, critical thinking skills, personal responsibility, information literacy, and global awareness as a result of their education experience at this institution.

ISLO	*1.0*	*Communication Skills*
ISLO	*2.0*	*Critical Thinking Skills*
ISLO	*3.0*	*Personal Responsibility*
ISLO	*4.0*	*Information Literacy*
ISLO	*5.0*	*Global Awareness*

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General education is a series of courses designed to lead students through learning experiences that will allow then to develop a breadth of knowledge to gain a command of subject areas and methods of inquiry that characterize the liberally educated person. Through general education, students expand their understanding of the physical world and the complex inter-relationships of individuals and groups within their social environments; understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines; deepen appreciation of artistic and cultural heritages, and become aware of other cultures and times; strengthen their ability to communicate, reason, and critically evaluate information both orally and in writing; acquire a positive attitude toward learning, and develop self-understanding. As a result, they are better able to recognize, understand, and act upon the complex personal, social, scientific, and political issues that confront them.

After successfully completing the general education curriculum at Imperial Valley College, students will demonstrate ability to:

- Think logically and critically
- Use problem solving and quantitative reasoning solving mathematical problems
- Understand the role and limitations of science in society
- Understand social interaction by learning of other cultures and times and the complex Interrelationships of individuals and groups within their social environments
- Understand ethical issues and how to make sound decisions and judgments
- Respond to artistic and creative expression or to communicate through the visual and performing arts
- Communicate effectively and analytically in writing, listening and speaking
- Read and comprehend at the collegiate level
- Recognize a need and then acquire, evaluate, interpret, organize, and ethically communicate information from a variety of collegiate-level resources
- Develop responsibility for individual actions and respect for diverse people and cultures.