

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Name of policy: **General Education Policy**

Policy

General education is the knowledge, skills, concepts, and attitudes that serve as the foundation to success within all programs of study. General education prepares students for living, learning, working and serving throughout life.

General Education courses help students gain competence in the exercise of independent intellectual inquiry and also stimulate their examination and understanding of personal, social, and civic values. These courses encompass the humanities, mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences.

General Education includes, but is not limited to, the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

- Goal Area 1: Written and Oral Communication
- Goal Area 2: Critical Thinking
- Goal Area 3: Natural Sciences
- Goal Area 4: Mathematics and Logical Reasoning
- Goal Area 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Goal Area 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts
- Goal Area 7: Human Diversity
- Goal Area 8: Global Perspective
- Goal Area 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility
- Goal Area 10: People and the Environment
- ❖ Some General Education courses will not meet MnTC curriculum requirements.

General Education Distribution Requirements:

Degree/Award Level	General Education Requirement
Associate of Arts Degree (A.A.)	A minimum of 40 credits in the MnTC Goal Areas
Associate of Science Degree (A.S.)	A minimum of 30 credits from six of the MnTC Goal Areas
Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A)	A minimum of 30 credits from six of the MnTC Goal Areas
Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)	A minimum of 15 credits from three of the MnTC Goal Areas
Diploma 61 credits or more	A minimum of 9 General Education credits
Diploma 45-60 credits	A minimum of 6 General Education credits
Diploma 31 - 44 credits	A minimum of 3 General Education credits
Certificates 30 credits or less	General Education credits are not required. A certificate program may require General Education courses per advisory board recommendation.

Part 1. Purpose: To define General Education and to denote General Education distribution requirements for all programs.

Part 2. Responsibility:

Vice President of Learning Services/Chief Academic Officer – Oversee the policy and ensure the policy is implemented, documented and maintained.

Academic Deans, Faculty, and the Academic Affairs and Standards Council (AASC) – Follow the Curriculum Approval and Review Process (CARP).

Steward: Vice President of Learning Services/Chief Academic Officer

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