

Philosophy of General Education at Los Angeles Valley College

General education courses introduce students to a broad range of the fundamental areas of human knowledge: natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities and are designed to help students acquire the skills in reading, writing, speaking, and critical reasoning necessary to participate in and appreciate these areas. General education courses should give a broad appreciation of a subject area rather than focus on some narrow part of the discipline. It is intended to develop interests beyond the immediate personal and practical ones, and to develop the ability to apply analytical thought to a wide variety of subjects and situations.