Institutional Core Competencies

The Institutional Core Competency statements are a promise to the communities that support De Anza College that students graduating with an A.A. or A.S. degree, or who will transfer to a four-year college or university, will be able to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes contained within all of the five competency areas, based on general education and discipline-specific courses at the lower division level. Students who earn a certificate, or have taken courses for personal educational development, will be expected to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes specified within one (or more) of the five competency areas.

COMMUNICATION AND EXPRESSION

Students will communicate clearly, express themselves creatively, interpret thoughtfully and logically, and engage actively in dialogue and discussion, while paying attention to audience, situation and (inter) cultural context. Communication and expression may be written or oral, verbal or nonverbal, informational or artistic.

INFORMATION LITERACY

Students will recognize when information is needed and locate, critically evaluate, synthesize and communicate information in various formats. They will use appropriate resources and technologies while understanding the social, legal and ethical issues for information and its use.

PHYSICAL/MENTAL WELLNESS & PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Students will recognize lifestyles that promote physical and mental well-being, engage in self-reflection and ethical decision-making, explore career choices and life goals, practice effective individual and collaborative work habits, and demonstrate a commitment to ongoing learning.

GLOBAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Students will recognize their role as local, national and global citizens. They will participate in a democratic process, respect social and cultural diversity, appreciate the complexity of the physical world, and understand the significance of both environmental sustainability and social justice.

CRITICAL THINKING

Students will analyze arguments, create and test models, solve problems, evaluate ideas, estimate and predict outcomes based on underlying principles relative to a particular discipline, interpret literary, artistic, and scientific works, utilize symbols and symbolic systems, apply qualitative and quantitative analysis, verify the reasonableness of conclusions, explore alternatives, empathize with differing perspectives, and adapt ideas and methods to new situations.

— Adopted by the Academic Senate on March 16, 2009

General Education Program

The General Education Program reflects the conviction that students must have knowledge about certain basic principles, concepts, and methodologies both unique to and shared by various disciplines. The faculty intend that the General Education Program will provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to evaluate and appreciate the physical environment, their culture and other cultures, the contributions of both men and women, and the society in which they live; and it will help them connect various fields of knowledge in order to become active, vibrant participants in a diverse and global society.

—Taken from the General Education Statement of Philosophy

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students at Foothill or De Anza College have guaranteed rights, and assume responsibilities, under applicable state and federal law and regulations derived from these statutes. These rights and responsibilities include protection of freedom of expression and protection against improper evaluation in the classroom; access to, safekeeping, and confidentiality of records; rights of freedom of association, inquiry and expression; participation in student governance with corresponding responsibilities; and the exercise of the rights of citizenship off campus. Foothill and De Anza College have the responsibility to establish disciplinary proceedings and applicable penalties, within the law, for the violation of college rules and regulations.

The colleges shall also establish procedures for grievances and complaints in order to provide a means for resolving alleged unfair or improper action by any member of the academic community.

Board Policy 5500

See Administrative Procedures AP-5500

California Education Code, §76030 et. seq., 76120, 76210 et. seq.

California Administrative Code, Title 5,§ 54600, 59300 et. seq.

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