General Education Core

General education program competencies were approved by the College Executive Council in February 1993 and revised in April 2006.

General Education at Oklahoma City Community College is an integral component of each student’s experience. Every student receiving an associate degree (AAS., AA. or AS.) must complete at least one course from each of the following areas; indicating a general understanding of that area.

I. Human Heritage, Culture, Values and Beliefs

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the ideas, values, and beliefs that have shaped global communities. Specifically, students should be able to demonstrate understanding of basic world geography; demonstrate familiarity with major cultural issues of selected global communities; demonstrate knowledge of significant historical events and figures of selected global communities; and demonstrate an understanding of ethical concerns of selected global communities.

II. Communication and Symbols

A. Students will demonstrate effective writing and public speaking skills.

For writing, students should be able to generate a clear, specific, and arguable thesis or dominant idea; formulate evidence and examples to support the topic idea; construct a logical pattern of paragraph development; and demonstrate consistent use of correct and appropriate spelling, grammar, and word choice.

For public speaking skills, students should be able to demonstrate the effective use of an introduction, body, and conclusion of a formal speech; demonstrate an audience-centered purpose that adapts to the audience, occasion, and time limit of the speech; deliver the speech with effective eye contact relative to the use of presentational aids (when applicable) and the audience; vary the tone of voice appropriate to the content of the speech and context of the audience; and demonstrate appropriate attire, gestures, good posture, and meaningful body movement.

B. Students will demonstrate analytical reasoning and logic skills by using mathematical methods and tools. Specifically, students should be able to identify mathematical properties that apply to a situation; apply those mathematical properties appropriately to the situation in order to reach a conclusion; and evaluate that conclusion for correctness and/or effectiveness and develop alternative solutions if needed.

III. Social, Political, and Economic Institutions

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the function of major social institutions. Specifically, students should be able to analyze how political systems impact society; analyze how economic systems impact society; analyze how religion serves to shape the norms of a society; analyze how education interacts with cultural values and norms; and analyze how shifts in social institutions impact the family.

IV. Relationships in Nature and Science

Students will demonstrate critical thinking by using scientific methodology. Specifically, students should be able to analyze a set of data or qualitative observations using previously learned tools; draw reasoned conclusions based on the results of the analysis; and support conclusions logically and communicate them effectively.