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San Bernardino Community College District  
**Administrative Procedure**  
Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs

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**AP 4025 PHILOSOPHY AND CRITERIA FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE  
AND GENERAL EDUCATION**

*(Replaces current SBCCD AP 4025)*

The philosophy and criteria for the associate degree and general education should address the considerations contained in the references listed below. These include, but are not limited to:

The programs of the District are consistent with the institutional mission, purposes, demographics and economics of its community.

The philosophy and criteria regarding the associate degree references the policy of the Board of Governors that the associate degree symbolizes a successful attempt to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insight, including:

- the ability to think and communicate clearly and effectively in speaking and writing;
- understand and use mathematics in everyday living;
- understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines;
- understand the methods used in knowledge acquisition within major disciplines such as science, humanities, and social sciences;
- achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems; and to develop the capacity for self-understanding. Be aware and receptive to other cultures and time periods
- develop an understanding and appreciation of the arts and humanities

The philosophy and criteria regarding general education references the policy of the Board of Governors that general education should lead to better self-understanding, including:

Develop the capacity for improved self-understanding.

General education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world.