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EAC General Education Statement

General education at Eastern Arizona College exposes the student to a pattern of course work which will expand and broaden the awareness of the student and will “give every student pursuing an undergraduate degree the basic skills and the familiarity with various branches of knowledge which are associated with college and university education and are useful in advanced study within the university and in life beyond the university” (State of Arizona General Education Values Statement, 1993).

An effective general education program requires the exercise of thoughtful and precise writing, critical reading, quantitative thinking, and processes of analysis and synthesis which underlie valid reasoning. Therefore, students must have a solid foundation in writing, reading, mathematics and critical thinking.

General education requirements at Eastern Arizona College are listed by program areas:

- Written and Oral Communication
- Arts and Humanities
- Natural Sciences
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

Students fulfill general education requirements at Eastern Arizona College by demonstrating competency in the following areas: communication, creativity, critical thinking, diverse and global perspectives, and technology and information literacy. The Essential Learning Outcomes listed below describe the expected knowledge, skills, attitudes, competencies, and habits of mind that students will have acquired at EAC upon completion of a degree.

Essential Learning Outcomes

- **Communication:** Students, using reading, writing, and/or speaking skills, discover, organize, and communicate information, ideas, and arguments in a clear and effective manner appropriate to the audience and purpose.
- **Creativity:** Students demonstrate the ability to: analyze, evaluate, and reflect on subjective experiences; propose innovative solutions to technical, scientific, social, or individual problems; and/or produce artifacts of self-expression.
- **Critical Thinking:** Students use intellectual skills and habits to become independent and dynamic thinkers who are capable of innovation, adaptation, and problem-solving.
- **Diverse and Global Perspectives:** Students demonstrate an understanding and application of the interdependent roles of historical, cultural, socio-economic, geographic, and ecological influences on the diversity of human experience.
- **Technology and Information Literacy:** Students recognize that information is needed, and they use both traditional and modern technologies to effectively locate, evaluate, manage, and apply the needed information.

Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC)

Eastern Arizona College subscribes to the common structure for a transfer general education curriculum agreed upon by Arizona public community colleges and universities. This curriculum provides students attending any Arizona public community college with the opportunity to build a general education curriculum that is transferable upon completion without loss of credit to another Arizona public community college or university. This agreement is called the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC).

1. The Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) is a standardized set of courses agreed upon by Arizona public community colleges and universities.



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2. The AGECE allows students to build a general education curriculum that is transferable without loss of credit to other Arizona public community colleges or universities.
3. The AGECE certificate is designed to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements for all transfer degrees.
4. Completing the AGECE ensures that students meet all general education requirements for their bachelor's degree when they transfer to an Arizona public university.
5. The AGECE can also be pursued as a stand-alone certificate at EAC.
6. When a student completes the AGECE certificate, EAC certifies this achievement on their academic transcript.
7. Students are required to take a total of 32 to 35 credits from six AGECE categories. The categories and required credit ranges are as follows:
 - a. Written and Oral Communication (6-10 credits -- the first 6 must be ENG 101 and ENG 102; additional credits can be in communication studies or languages)
 - b. Arts & Humanities (6-9 credits)
 - c. Quantitative Reasoning (3-4 credits)
 - d. Natural Sciences (4-8 credits)
 - e. Social & Behavioral Sciences (6-9 credits)
 - f. Institutions in the Americas (3 credits)

