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PURPOSE

General education programs provide students with a breadth of learning opportunities outside their major course of study, and further prepare them for productive, informed and satisfying lives after college. Toward that end, the VSC has established general education requirements and related core competencies.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

General Education Requirements

All VSC institutions shall have general education programs that require matriculated students to develop skills and knowledge in:

- Written Expression
- Mathematics
- Digital & Computing Literacy
- Natural Science
- Social Science
- Arts & Aesthetics
- Humanistic Perspectives


Specific course requirements may vary by institution and degree level. In some cases, requirements for the major course of study fulfill the general education requirements above. Institutions may add additional requirements. A complete description of general education requirements will be published in institution catalogues.

Each credit taken in fulfillment of a general education requirement at one VSC institution counts as one credit toward fulfillment of general education requirements in appropriate categories at another VSC institution. In general, completion of all general education requirements for a degree at one VSC institution is accepted as completion of the general education requirements for an equivalent associate or bachelor degree at another VSC institution.

Assessment of Core Competencies

The VSC has established core competencies in communication, critical thinking, equity and inclusion, and technology embedded in shared VSC general education requirements. Institutions will design and implement assessments for each of these areas according to a schedule determined by the Council of Presidents. The VSC and the institutions will report regularly on student performance on the assessments.

Signed by:



Chancellor

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