College of the Canyons is dedicated to the philosophy that all students will receive the highest quality education possible. Doing so should ensure learning experiences that will enhance students’ academic and career opportunities as well as develop a sense of civic awareness and personal responsibility.

The awarding of an Associate Degree is intended to represent more than an accumulation of units. It is to symbolize a successful attempt on the part of the college to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights. Central to an Associate Degree, General Education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world. It reflects the conviction of colleges that those who receive their degrees must possess in common certain basic principles, concepts and methodologies both unique to and shared by the various disciplines. College educated persons must be able to use this knowledge when evaluating and appreciating the physical environment, the culture and ethics, and the society in which they live.

The CEO of the Santa Clarita Community College District shall establish procedures to assure that courses used to meet general education and associate degree requirements meet the standards in this policy. The procedures shall provide for appropriate Academic Senate involvement.

See Administrative Procedure (AP) 4025

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