

**Ohlone College**  
**General Education Philosophy**

The three patterns of General Education courses (Plans A, B, and C) provide a comprehensive and well-rounded education that promotes the student's personal, cultural, and intellectual growth. Completing these courses will promote personal awareness and growth as students adapt and grow in a changing world with a comprehension of the past, present, and future and an enhanced ability to address social, ethical, and philosophical issues. Students will grow culturally, developing an appreciation of human differences and cultural heritages which will enhance their ability to live interdependently as ethical citizens within a culturally diverse and complex world. Finally, completing general education courses will instill intellectual curiosity and analytical thinking conducive to lifelong learning. Development of skills in such varied fields as the natural sciences, the social sciences, fine arts and humanities, English composition, mathematics, critical thinking, foreign languages, cultural diversity, physical education, and information competency will enable students to transfer and apply knowledge in multiple domains and solve everyday life problems.