

# GENERAL EDUCATION

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## Philosophy

General Education at Northwestern Michigan College promotes the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to function effectively in a changing world. This fosters intellectual curiosity, essential to lifelong learning.

## Outcomes

To ensure students experience the benefits of our philosophy of general education, the faculty of NMC commits to instilling these practices throughout the curriculum.

**Communication:** Students will practice effective communication with an awareness of audience and sense of purpose.

**Critical Thinking:** Students will skillfully conceptualize, apply, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information gathered from observation, experience, reflection, reasoning, or communication.

**Quantitative Reasoning:** Students will accurately use numbers, symbols, measurements, properties, and the relationships of quantities to make sound decisions, judgments, and/or predictions.

## Assessment

General Education outcomes are measured in several ways:

- Each year faculty members assess student achievement of the General Education Outcomes their courses support.
- The Office of Research, Planning & Effectiveness aggregates institutional data so that faculty and departments can assess the level of achievement represented by the student work.
- Graduates are surveyed annually and are asked to provide their perceptions of achieving the General Education Outcomes.
- The faculty and teaching staff are charged with using the results of assessment to make curricular improvements.