

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

A Bachelor of Science Degree will be awarded to students who fulfill the following requirements:

- Completion of a minimum of 120 units of coursework; may be combination of transfer units and bridge program
- Completion of program and general education coursework
- 2.0 cumulative grade point average
- Completion of all program graduation requirements.

Proficiency in Basic Skills

All students granted a Bachelor of Science degree must have demonstrated college-level competence in reading, written expression, and math skills.

Reading and written expression and math proficiency must be satisfied by the following:

- Completion with a grade of "C" or better in all courses at **SJVC**
- Completion with a grade of "C" or better in a course equivalent to Bachelor level courses from a regionally accredited college or university.

To keep pace with educational, technological or similar developments, **SJVC** reserves the right to change the requirements for graduation.

Changes may be applied to students already enrolled. For those cases, the College will specify an alternate plan of study, which must be completed in lieu of the original requirements.

GENERAL EDUCATION

Bachelor-level General Education courses are offered online at **SJVC**.

Philosophy

SJVC believes a well-rounded education is essential to a successful career. General Education courses are integrated into the programs and are designed to give students a diverse educational experience. Our General Education curriculum introduces students to the major areas of knowledge and guides them to develop thoughtful perspectives about life, others, and the world around them.

Breadth

To be a well-rounded, educated person, it is vital that college graduates experience a variety of major areas of

knowledge: research writing, cross-cultural communication, political thought, statistics and group dynamics. At **SJVC**, we have chosen core curriculum designed to give students a broad experience in each knowledge area, encouraging inquiry and literacy throughout the curriculum.

Depth

The competencies of General Education can be found within each course a student takes at **SJVC**. In both General Education and vocationally focused courses students will write, use technology, perform quantitative and qualitative assessments and interact with others in a professional and ethical manner. Through our interactive and real-world applications, students practice the skills of critical thinking and analysis while anticipating future career situations. Through this cross-curricular approach to General Education skills and competencies, students gain a full education.

Rigor

To ensure application and retention of General Education principles, students are consistently challenged to apply their new knowledge to real-life situations in their careers and personal lives. Authentic activities and assessments help measure their success. Through regular Program Review, using data, experience, and comparison to other accredited institutions as a framework, **SJVC** strives to ensure our General Education courses meet an appropriate level of rigor for college courses.

General Education Outcomes

PLOs

General Education is not a program in and of itself at **SJVC**, but rather an integral part of any degree program offered. Each program, through its Assessment Plan, identifies the courses and Course Learning Outcomes that lead students to the achievement of program level outcomes, whether the course is vocational in nature or one of the General Education courses.

ILOs

General Education courses lead students directly to the success of the Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs) of **SJVC**. Our ILOs state that all graduates will be able to apply critical thinking skills, effectively communicate both orally and in writing, and demonstrate quantitative reasoning. We find that General Education courses play a vital role in helping our students accomplish these outcomes. Student success in Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) within the courses provides assessment of our ILOs.