

General Education at Manchester Community College

Manchester Community College provides students with comprehensive skills and the knowledge to prepare them to deal with complexity, diversity, and change. Broad, [foundational](#) knowledge complements in depth achievement in program concentrations.

By completing the 21 credits of general education required of all degree programs, students acquire essential skills of reading and writing, critical and creative thinking, information literacy, quantitative analysis, integrative learning, and a beginning understanding of three knowledge areas.

Nine credits are devoted to the intellectual skills core. In English Composition, students learn and demonstrate reading, writing, and critical thinking skills that they continue to practice and develop in their college-level work and beyond. In Mathematics, students learn essential problem solving and techniques of quantitative analysis. In Interdisciplinary Studies, students learn the purpose of liberal education, reflect upon their own education, integrate the knowledge and methods of multiple disciplines, synthesize diverse and contradictory points of view, and interpret issues and positions contextually.

Twelve credits are devoted to knowledge of the physical and natural world; of the human experience and behavior; and of human thought and expression. Students understand and apply introductory methods of inquiry and analysis and demonstrate knowledge of the fundamental concepts, theories, works, or ideas within the specific knowledge area.