



**SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA  
COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Number:** SCP-3637  
**Origination:** December 19, 1997  
**Effective:** April 19, 2005  
**Reviewed:** August 30, 2007

**SUBJECT:** General Education Philosophy and Goals

**REFERENCE:** Title 135, Procedural Rule, West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, Series 7, Standards for Degree Designations and General Education Requirements for Community and Technical College Degrees; Title 135, Procedural Rule, West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, Series 17, Transferability of Credits and Grades at West Virginia Public Colleges and Universities.

**1. PURPOSE**

The faculty of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College dedicate themselves to preparing Southern's graduates for the challenges that lie ahead. The following statement and goals describe Southern's commitment to providing each graduate the skills and knowledge necessary for professional and personal success.

**2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY**

This policy is applicable to all students enrolled in degree or certificate programs at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College and the faculty who are responsible for instruction.

**3. DEFINITIONS**

The purpose of general education at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College is to produce generally educated students who contribute to their communities and country. A generally educated student is, by definition, a life long learner with a common academic canon of knowledge, concepts and attitudes.

**4. POLICY**

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College is committed to providing general education to help students develop the qualities and skills associated with college-educated adults. Southern's general education promotes the development of independent, critical, and conceptual thinking skills and those skills necessary for effective communication. Southern's general education provides students with an integrated view of knowledge and prepares them for their role as productive and responsible members of society.

**5. BACKGROUND OR EXCLUSIONS**

None.

**6. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Students who have completed the general education requirements of an associate degree will have improved in the following:

- A. Critical Thinking Skills
- B. Oral and Written Communications
- C. Mathematical Skills Competencies
- D. Informational and Communication Technology Skills
- E. Scientific Inquiry/Reasoning Skills
- F. A Cultural/Artistic/Global Perspective

**7. RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES**

General education is the responsibility of all who work and learn at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College. Components of general education are embedded in each curriculum and are measured annually. Southern will maintain a general education core within each program as specified in the state policy.

**8. CANCELLATION**

None.

**9. REVIEW STATEMENT**

This policy shall be reviewed on a three-year cycle by the President or the President’s designee. Upon such review, the President or President’s designee may recommend to the Board that the policy be amended or repealed. SCP-3637 is scheduled for review during the 2010-2011 academic year.

**10. SIGNATURES**

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**Board of Governors Chair**                      **Date**

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**President**    **Date**

**Attachments:**            None

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**Revision Notes:**        References were added to provide clarification.