



**College Practices**

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**PRACTICE TYPE:      Program Standards and Quality Assurance**

**PRACTICE TITLE:     General Education**

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**A. Introduction**

The purpose of General Education in the Ontario college system is to contribute to the development of citizens who are conscious of the diversity, complexity, and richness of the human experience; who are able to establish meaning through this consciousness; and, who, as a result, are able to contribute thoughtfully, creatively, and positively to the society in which they live and work. Specific themes for General Education courses to cover are: Arts in Society, Civic Life, Social and Cultural Understanding, Personal Understanding, and Science and Technology.

At Niagara College, we believe that General Education is an essential and integral element of effective and comprehensive college pro

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**Mandatory** General Education courses are identified on programs of instruction using the

Course Outline for all such courses requires approval of *both* the Academic Administrator responsible for the course and the Academic Administrator responsible for General Education.

**Elective** General Education courses are identified on programs of instruction using the

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Arts in Society  
Civic Life  
Social and Cultural Understanding  
Personal Understanding  
Science and Technology

Additional information on the themes can be found in Appendix C1 of the Framework for Programs of Instruction.

## **C. Related Documents**

Framework for Programs of Instruction, Policy Directive (available on the corporate drive at G:\Corporate\Practices & Procedures\Practices\MTCU Documents\  
General Education Criteria Checklist

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