

Mission

General Education at Chico State prepares students for continual learning and application of knowledge to career as well as personal life. It provides the education necessary for success as a lifelong learner and civically engaged individual in the twenty-first century.

Strategy

Chico State students acquire a strong foundation in critical thinking, written and oral communication and the arts and sciences through inquiry about and engagement with the social and natural worlds we inhabit. This is achieved through study, reflection, synthesis and action related to knowledge from varied historical, cultural, scientific and political perspectives. In combination with the major field of study, GE completes the breadth of university education.

Values

The General Education program incorporates and seeks to foster the values of:

Active Inquiry—a spirit of curiosity to ask questions, seek answers, contemplate, and pursue investigations with intellectual rigor, while making connections between cognitive and personal development, both inside and outside traditional instructional settings.

Social Responsibility—an active engagement within our various communities—locally, regionally, nationally, and globally—to encourage positive change.

Sustainability— an understanding of the environmental dynamics associated with human activities and of the necessity for balancing social justice and human economic demands with the Earth's ability to sustain biological and cultural diversity.

Diversity—an understanding of and facility with different intellectual viewpoints as well as the unique perspectives of others based on varied experiences, identities and social attributes.

Creativity—the generation of new ideas and original expressions in light of past innovations and the history of ideas, accompanied by a willingness to take intellectual risks and consider novel approaches.

Global Engagement—the cultural, linguistic, and analytic skills necessary to understand and engage with diverse cultures, people, and the global marketplace, and to contribute as responsible global citizens.