

DVC INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES

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In an effort to more clearly delineate the skills and knowledge that DVC students will obtain and to better align Institutional Learning Outcomes with Diablo Valley College's mission that states that DVC "*is passionately committed to student learning through intellectual, scientific, artistic, psychological, and ethical development of its diverse student body,*" we are recommending the following change to the college's current Institutional Learning Outcome.

Diablo Valley College students will gain knowledge, skills, and an appreciation of ethical issues in the following areas:

- **Language and Rationality** – Students will develop the principles and applications of language toward logical thought, clear and precise expression, and critical evaluation of communication in whatever symbol system the student uses. *
- **Natural Sciences** - Students will examine the physical universe, its life forms, and its natural phenomena, develop an appreciation and understanding of the scientific method, and the relationships between science and other human activities. *
- **Arts and Humanities** – Students will examine the cultural activities and artistic expressions of human beings, develop an awareness of the ways in which people throughout the ages and in different cultures have responded to themselves and the world around them in artistic and cultural creation, and develop an aesthetic understanding and an ability to make value judgments. *
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences** - Students will examine social and behavioral sciences that focus on people as members of society, develop critical thinking skills related to the ways people act and have acted in response to their societies, develop an awareness of social and behavioral science methods of inquiry, and develop an appreciation of how societies and social subgroups operate and stimulate. *

- **Workplace Skills** – Students will develop skills that will allow them to be viable participants in a competitive workplace, e.g. competence in relevant 21st century literacies and effective communication of new knowledge in an ethical and legal manner.

*Title 5 (55063 Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree)

Compliance/References:

Education Code 78016; Title 5, Section 53200

Board Policy 1009, 4008

DVC Procedure 1009.01, 1018.01

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