Guiding Principles for the General Education Program
Western Carolina University

1. General Education should be general. All students at the university should meet the same set of general education requirements.

2. General Education courses should be taught by highly qualified faculty with appropriate institutional support to teach the courses.

3. There should be one General Education Program for all Students.

4. General Education must be fully integrated within the QEP.

5. Students have the right and the responsibility to receive a high quality education at WCU.

6. General Education is not remedial.

7. General Education must be integrated with the Major Programs.

8. General Education should be multi-disciplinary.

9. General Education should include extracurricular experiences, such as study abroad, service learning, civic engagement, and other cultural experiences.

10. General Education outcomes should be assessable in a coherent and productive manner.

11. General Education should take place throughout a student's career and not simply during the first two years of study.