

Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (General Education)

At Kaua'i Community College, we believe that graduates should possess a solid grounding in the major areas of knowledge, the capability to be productive individuals and life-long learners, and an understanding of what it means to be ethical and effective citizens. All C.A., A.A.S., A.S., and A.A. curricula at KCC include study of the cultural, social, and/or natural environment (humanities/fine arts, social sciences, and natural sciences), and all programs ensure that students receive expert instruction in and capable assessment of their achievement of the following institutional student learning outcomes:

1. **Communication:** Write and speak in clear and organized Standard American English to present, explain, and evaluate ideas, to express feelings, and to support conclusions, claims, or theses. Receive, construct meaning from, and respond to spoken and/or nonverbal messages.
2. **Quantitative Reasoning:** The ability to reason logically and solve quantitative problems from a wide array of authentic contexts and everyday life situations. Involves understanding, creating, and communicating arguments supported by quantitative evidence in a variety of formats (using words, tables, graphs, diagrams, mathematical equations, etc., as appropriate).
3. **Critical thinking:** A habit of mind characterized by the comprehensive exploration of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion.
4. **Information Literacy:** Locate, retrieve, evaluate, and interpret the value of information gained from reading text materials, making observations, and using electronic media, and reflectively use that information.
5. **Engage with Multiple Perspectives:** Seek out individuals or sources that present differing viewpoints, whether through conversations, readings, or discussions while demonstrating cognitive, affective, and behavioral skills and characteristics that are understanding of others' opinions, feelings, values, and expressions.
6. **Civic Responsibility:** Demonstrate knowledge, skills, and ability to make a difference in the civic life of the community. Civic responsibility involves preparing graduates for their public lives as citizens, members of communities, and professionals in society.

