

COLLEGE STATEMENT

Mission

Golden West College provides an intellectually and culturally stimulating learning environment for its diverse student population. The College provides enriching and innovative programs that help students: transfer to four-year institutions, earn associate degrees, complete certificates in career and technical education, advance their careers, and demonstrate college readiness. The College is committed to continuous assessment and improvement of student learning and institutional effectiveness.

Vision

GWC welcomes you. Be inspired. Be empowered. Be transformed.

Values

Our values are the ideals that guide us in our commitment to student learning and to the vitality of our community.

- Welcoming Campus Environment
- Access, Equity, and Inclusiveness
- Excellence in Teaching and Learning
- Innovation and Technology
- Leadership Guided by Collaboration
- Stewardship and Sustainability

Vision 2030 College Goals

Enrollment

GWC will increase credit and noncredit enrollment while providing efficient academic programs and student services.

Equity and Success

GWC will support, enhance, and develop equity-minded services and academic programs that lead to student success.

Completion

GWC will ensure students' timely completion of degrees and certificates by providing high quality academic programs and student services.

Workforce Preparation

GWC will support student success by developing and offering academic programs and student services that maximize career opportunities.

Facilities

GWC will provide flexible, accessible, and sustainable learning environments that support the success of students, faculty, staff, and communities.

Professional Development

GWC will support the success of all employees by providing professional development opportunities that focus on the achievement of College Goals.

Communication

GWC will effectively communicate and collaborate within the College and its communities.

Golden West College Institutional Student Learning Outcomes

1. **Specialized Subject Knowledge (Majors)** – Demonstrate a depth of knowledge, skills, and abilities in a particular major.
2. **Broad Knowledge** – Demonstrate an understanding of the diverse perspectives, core concepts, and methods in the sciences, humanities, and arts.
3. **Analytic Skills** – Identify, evaluate, and apply logical and ethical reasoning to solve problems.
4. **Information Competency Skills** – Determine the scope of information needs; locate and retrieve relevant information; organize, analyze, and evaluate information; and understand the ethical and legal issues surrounding information and information technology.
5. **Quantitative Skills** – Convert information into relevant symbolic and mathematical forms (e.g. equations, graphs, diagrams, tables), provide accurate explanations of information presented in mathematical forms, and successfully perform calculations and symbolic operations.
6. **Oral and Written Communication Skills** – Produce clear and well-organized communication appropriate to the intended audience, context, and goal of the communication.
7. **Applied Learning** – Demonstrate how theories and practices learned in academic settings can be ethically applied and integrated into personal and professional pursuits.
8. **Lifelong Learning** – Demonstrate life-long learning strategies that are based on on-going self-assessment, education, appreciation of diverse perspectives, and acceptance of personal responsibility.