



# GENERAL STUDIES

CORE OBJECTIVES & PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

## I. SPIRITUAL & CHARACTER FORMATION

**EDUCATIONAL GOAL:** *To foster students' spiritual and character formation and their commitment to God's holistic mission for the world.*

### Core Objectives

1. Demonstrate growth in Christian discipleship and transformation towards holistic Christian character (i.e., joy, compassion, honesty, integrity, work ethic, purity, trustworthiness).
2. Demonstrate healthy relational skills as an expression of one's commitment to Christian discipleship.
3. Demonstrate commitment to God's holistic (spiritual, social environmental) mission of reconciliation and restoration for all creation.
4. Demonstrate commitment to active participation in the church and its mission.

### General Studies Objectives

1. All Spiritual and Character Formation Objectives are met by the courses that are part of the Core Curriculum

## II. CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW & INTELLECTUAL FORMATION

**EDUCATIONAL GOAL:** *To provide students a foundational knowledge base, and the abilities to think critically and to interact respectfully with the views of others.*

### Core Objectives

1. Demonstrate foundational knowledge of the Bible and the ability to understand the scriptural message.
2. Demonstrate the ability to appropriately utilize hermeneutical principles to interpret and apply the Bible.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of biblical theology in relation to the formation of a Christian worldview.
4. Demonstrate familiarity with evangelical Anabaptism and its contributions to the larger Christian church, historically, theologically, and ethically
5. Demonstrate increasing ability in critical thinking
6. Demonstrate familiarity with a breadth of subject material in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Science

### General Studies Objectives

1. Demonstrate Effective Team and Interpersonal Skills.
2. Demonstrate Critical Thinking, Math and Scientific Reasoning.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the Scientific and Natural World
4. Demonstrate Social Responsibility and Citizenship.
5. Demonstrate an Appreciation for the Aesthetic and Cultural world

## III. PREPARATION FOR SERVICE AND MINISTRY IN CHURCH AND WORLD

**EDUCATIONAL GOAL:** *To prepare students for effective service and ministry in the church and in the world particularly in the areas of their chosen field of study.*

### Core Objectives

1. Demonstrate effective and sacrificial service in both team member and team leader ministry roles.
2. Demonstrate an ability to facilitate Christian discipleship and growth in others.
3. Demonstrate healthy interpersonal skills essential for ministry/leadership.
4. Demonstrate increasingly effective communication.
5. Demonstrate application of biblical and self understanding to their personal and career direction.
6. Demonstrate basic levels of competence in an applied ministry setting

### General Studies Objectives

All Preparation for Service and Ministry in Church and World goals are met by courses in the Core Curriculum

### General Studies:

*The Diploma in General Studies (DGS) is designed to extend students' experience beyond the Core Curriculum to include a broad introduction to a variety of general studies courses for the purpose of creating a well-rounded Christian worldview. In addition, many students who are interested in further educational options (e.g., Business, Education, etc.) can transfer some or nearly all of these courses into other institutions offering programs in these areas.*