

What is General Education?

- 1232: University of Paris, first Baccalaureate, all students study art, rhetoric, & logic
- 1877: Johns Hopkins, first major, all students study core courses before concentrating.
- 2021: The Great Plurality
 - Open Curriculum: no requirements for either core or majors, e.g., Brown
 - Great Books: no majors and only a core curriculum for all students, e.g. St. John's College
 - Core Curriculum: traditional majors and the same core courses for all students, e.g., Columbia, Chicago
 - General Education: traditional majors and a common curriculum based on distribution requirements, e.g., NJCU

General Education at NJCU

Every Baccalaureate Degree at NJCU comprises two programs. The major program provides **depth**. The general education program provides **breadth**. This breadth is intended to provide students the tools needed for:

1. A successful personal life.
2. A successful civic life.
3. A successful professional life.

