



Language & Communication

English: Great Books

2

Semesters

TO CERTIFICATE

100%

COURSES AVAILABLE

Online

182M+

PHYSICAL BOOKS AVAILABLE

In CA Public Libraries

4,000

YEARS OF

Great Works

Program Overview

In this era of distractions, many ask, “Why read?” MPC’s Great Books program responds to that question through the study of keystone works in world literary and cultural traditions. Students learn about the history of the Great Books movement and what it is today; they consider the importance of Great Books for individuals and society, and they contemplate what makes a Great Book great. In the process, they participate in the Great Conversation. While creating a space for students to explore thought-provoking, even life-changing, ideas, the program equips students with background knowledge and strategies for reading well and deeply as they pursue lifelong learning.

Job Outlook

The Great Books program provides students with communication, reading, and thinking tools that are universally needed in any job. Besides that, reading literature develops empathy, a necessary trait for caregiving professions from teaching to medicine and for effective teamwork in any setting.

CAREERS

*Editors

\$35,640 - 129,180

*Librarians

\$43,690 - \$117,250

*K-12 Teachers

\$51,900 - \$117,650

*Registered Nurses

\$71,230 - \$163,830

*Lawyers

\$75,610 - \$208,000+

* Requires additional training
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
(CA data)

spotlight

career boost potential

MPC’s Great Books program is the only one of its kind among California’s community colleges. The Great Books colloquia have featured visiting scholars and poets.



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Suggested Course Sequence

Certificate of Achievement

MPC Certificate

YEAR	FALL	SPRING
	Units	Units
1	ENGL 5 (Core requirement) 3	ARTH 1, ENGL 11, 17, 18, 25A-C, 3
	ARTH 1, ENGL 11, 17, 18, 25A-C, 3	40A-B, 44-47, 49, HIST 4,
	40A-B, 44-47, 49, HIST 4,	HUMA 10, PHIL 2, or 8
	HUMA 10, PHIL 2, or 8	ARTH 1, ENGL 11, 17, 18, 25A-C, 3
	ARTH 1, ENGL 11, 17, 18, 25A-C, 1-3	40A-B, 44-47, 49, HIST 4,
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		40A-B, 44-47, 49, HIST 4,
		HUMA 10, PHIL 2, or 8
	Total Fall Units 7-9	Total Spring Units 7-9
2		

Total Units: 16 (min.)

Total Units: 0

This is a suggested sequence of coursework and is one pathway for students to earn their degree/certificate. This is not an official educational plan. A counselor is able to assist you with creating a personalized education plan based on your academic, career, and personal goals. For more information about counseling and up-to-date program requirements, please visit www.mpc.edu/counseling.



I decided to pursue the Great Books certificate in preparation for a Masters in Secondary English Education at UC Santa Cruz. And I'm so glad I did! The program is a unique and engaging opportunity for anyone who is looking to dive deeper into literary study and expand their understanding of critical analysis.

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Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) is a fully accredited California public community college. The college is known for the excellence of its academic programs and student support services.

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