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General Education Student Learning Outcomes

The following learning outcomes—Effective Communication, Critical Thinking, Global Awareness—will be addressed in all general education courses. Each general education course must address at least one of the bulleted outcomes under each the three categories.

1. Effective Communication.

Students should be able to:

- communicate complex aesthetic, cultural and intellectual ideas;
- communicate complex mathematical and scientific ideas;
- analyze and adapt communication on the basis of audience;
- generate, compose, revise and communicate ideas clearly, orally and in writing;
- read with comprehension;
- listen with comprehension;
- use technology to process information; and
- conduct research using appropriate methods and tools.

2. Critical Thinking.

Students should be able to:

- evaluate ideas presented in writing, media, speech or artistic representations;
- evaluate sources of information;
- analyze/interpret creative expressions, resources, data;
- use problem-solving skills effectively;
- apply the scientific method and scientific reasoning;
- apply mathematical and scientific concepts to analyze relationships; and
- make value judgments and ethical decisions.


Students should be able to:

- analyze issues from multiple perspectives;
- express an awareness of cultures in a diverse global community;
- explain the relationships between humanity and the natural environment; and
- analyze issues within their historical context.