General Education Learning Goals and Outcomes

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Policy:

General Education requirements are designed to assure that all graduates of the University, whatever their major, have acquired essential skills, experiences, and a broad range of knowledge appropriate to educated people within a society. Students who complete the General Education program are able to:

Goal 1. Think clearly, logically, and creatively. They are able to:
   - Outcome 1.1 Reason inductively and deductively.
   - Outcome 1.2 Communicate clearly, logically, and creatively.

Goal 2. Find and critically examine information. They are able to:
   - Outcome 2.1 Access needed information effectively and efficiently.
   - Outcome 2.2 Evaluate information and its sources critically.
   - Outcome 2.3 Explain the economic, legal, social, and ethical issues surrounding the use of information.

Goal 3. Communicate effectively using a variety of formats. They are able to:
   - Outcome 3.1 Speak and present effectively in various contexts.
   - Outcome 3.2 Write effectively in various forms.

Goal 4. Understand the physical universe and its life forms, scientific methodology, and mathematical concepts, and use quantitative reasoning. They are able to:
   - Outcome 4.1 Conduct planned investigations, including recording and analyzing data and reaching reasoned conclusions.
   - Outcome 4.2 Solve problems using mathematical methods and relevant technology.
   - Outcome 4.3 Use graphs, tables, etc. to represent and explain mathematical models.
   - Outcome 4.4 Make connections between important/core/key concepts (or big ideas) in the natural sciences to describe/explain natural phenomena.

Goal 5. Cultivate intellect, imagination, sensibility and sensitivity through the study of philosophy, literature, languages, and the arts. They are able to:
   - Outcome 5.1 Analyze creative human products and ideas.
   - Outcome 5.2 Articulate personal thoughts and emotions when encountering human creations and ideas.
   - Outcome 5.3 Create original and imaginative works in philosophy, literature, language, and/or the arts.
Goal 6. Understand social, cultural, political, and economic institutions and their historical backgrounds, as well as human behavior and the principles of social interaction. They are able to:

Outcome 6.1 Convey how issues relevant to social, cultural, political, contemporary/historical, economic, educational, or psychological realities interact with each other.

Outcome 6.2 Discuss how social sciences conceive and study human experience.

Outcome 6.3 Use social science methods to explain or predict individual and collective human behavior.

Goal 7. Integrate ideas and insights from multiple cultural and disciplinary perspectives. They are able to:

Outcome 7.1 Integrate content, ideas, and approaches from various cultural perspectives.

Outcome 7.2 Integrate content, ideas, and approaches from various disciplinary perspectives.

Goal 8. Use technology as a tool.

Outcome 8.1 Use relevant technology in various contexts to present and/or integrate ideas.