

Student Affairs Common Learning Themes and Outcomes 09/10

Priority 5: Student Learning and Development: Student Affairs departments will establish learning outcomes for their programs and services. These outcomes will, when appropriate, complement the outcomes established for General Education and contribute to student achievement of the University outcomes desired for CSUN graduates. Assessment of learning outcomes will occur and the results used to guide program and service planning and budget decisions.

Common Learning Theme 1: Becoming Ones Own Person

Outcome 1: The student will make life choices that are congruent with his/her abilities, values, and beliefs.

Capability 1: Able to identify and apply values and beliefs.

Capability 2: Able to identify and demonstrate skills and abilities.

Outcome 2: The student will understand how his/her experience and history has shaped his/her values and beliefs (gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, geographic, etc.)

Capability: Ability to identify and integrate culture(s) into self concept.

Outcome 3: The student will act without undue influence from others.

Capability 1: Ability to assert Self/Independence.

Capability 2: Sees themselves as a unique individual.

Outcome 4: The student has the ability to consider and evaluate multiple viewpoints and is able to modify those based on new knowledge and experiences.

Capability: Ability to recognize, evaluate, and incorporate others' viewpoints.

Common Learning Theme 2: Achieving Capacity for Mutually Supportive Relationships

Outcome 1: The student will recognize the value of interpersonal relationships.

Capability: Other focused.

Outcome 2: The student will use effective interpersonal communication skills.

Capability 1: Listening with empathy.

Capability 2: Conveying thoughts, feeling and information.

Capability 3: Showing respect.

Capability 4: Expressing and receiving support.

Outcome 3: The student will appropriately use e-technology in communicating with others.

Capability 1: Effective electronic communications.

Common Learning Theme 3: Demonstrating Social and Civic Responsibility

Outcome 1: A CSUN student will engage with and effectively function in a diverse society.

Capability 1: Knowledge of an attitude toward diversity.

Capability 2: Engaging diversity.

Outcome 2: A CSUN student will contribute to the well-being and benefit of others.

Capability 1: Knowledge of an attitude toward altruism.

Capability 2: Promoting altruistic behavior.

Outcome 3: A CSUN student will participate in the governance and function (operation) of a community.

Capability 1: Knowledge of an attitude toward civic engagement.

Capability 2: Demonstrating civic engagement.

Common Learning Theme 4: Utilizing Effective Thinking

Outcome 1: The student's way of thinking will evolve.

Capability: Multiple ways of thinking.

Outcome 2: The student can effectively articulate his/her thoughts and feelings.

Capability: Effective articulation.

Common Learning Theme 5: Applying Knowledge and Practical Competence

Outcome 1: The student will work effectively in teams.

Capability 1: Contributing to team functioning.

Capability 2: Task accomplishment

Capability 3: Valuing other team members.

Outcome 2: The student will adapt to and influence continuous change.

Capability 1: Idea acceptance: open to change.

Capability 2: Developing and implementing new methods.

Capability 3: Persuasive communication.

Outcome 3: The student will be able to navigate complex circumstances and transfer knowledge to new situations and contexts.

Capability 1: Analyzing and responding to situations.

Capability 2: Approach to context.

Capability 3: Using information or guidance.