

## Undergraduate Institutional Learning Outcomes

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**Communication (Spoken/Signed)** – Education for understanding the basic concepts and practices associated with public speaking or signing includes making public presentations of one’s own thoughts and research.

Outcomes: Students will:

1. Apply critical thinking skills when listening, reading, thinking, and speaking or signing.
2. Create, organize and support ideas for various types of spoken and signed presentations.
3. Evaluate contexts, attitudes, values, and responses of different audiences.
4. Identify, evaluate and apply different styles of presentation utilizing effective delivery techniques in public speaking or signing.
5. Demonstrate acceptable ethical standards in research and presentation of materials, including proper verbal or signed citations.

**Communication (Written)** – Education for understanding the basic concepts and practices associated with written communication includes analyzing and reflecting on complex topics and appropriately synthesizing one’s own and others’ ideas in clearly written and well-organized edited American English.

Outcomes: Students will:

1. Analyze and compare perspective, meaning, and style in different texts, including those that reflect multicultural images and voices.
2. Construct a theme or thesis and organize and develop a substantial, balanced, and convincing defense of it in a voice, tone, language, and format (e.g., essay autobiography, report, editorial, case study, inquiry, and research) appropriate to the purpose of the writing.
3. Use logical support, including informed opinion and fact, as well as their interpretations, to develop ideas, avoiding fallacies, biased language, and inappropriate tone.

4. Demonstrate satisfactory competence in the conventions of Edited American English and the elements of a presentation (including layout, format, and printing).
5. Select and incorporate ideas derived from a variety of sources, such as library electronic and print resources, books, journals, the Internet, and interviews, and document them responsibly and correctly.
6. Apply a variety of strategies for planning, outlining, drafting, revising, and editing written work.

**Community Engagement** – Education for Community-based learning is a pedagogy that integrates explicit academic learning objectives, preparation, and reflection with meaningful work in the community. It focuses on learning through assignments that involve the application of theory to practice and result in improved student learning outcomes, including enhanced understanding of course content, critical-thinking skills, retention, sensitivity to diversity, and the ability to apply the academic concept.

Outcomes: Students will:

1. Develop an understanding of the social, cultural, and civic aspects of their personal identities. (**Self and Social Awareness**)
2. Develop an understanding of social responsibility and the connections between short-term community service and greater long-term societal well-being. (**Service and Social Responsibility**)
3. Develop an understanding of how the actions of individuals and social systems bring about both equity and inequity in communities and society. (**Community and Social Justice**)
4. Develop career skills needed to address the cultural, linguistic, humanistic, artistic, economic, scientific, social, and/or civic issues of our time. (**Career Development and Professional Development**)
5. Learn from and work responsively and inclusively with diverse individuals, groups, and organizations to build more just, equitable, and sustainable communities. (**Multicultural Community Building/Civic Engagement**)

**Critical Thinking** – Education for critical thinking includes analyzing information and ideas carefully and logically from multiple perspectives and developing reasoned solutions to problems.

Outcomes: Students will:

1. Explain and apply the basic concepts essential to a critical examination and evaluation of argumentative discourse.
2. Use investigative and analytical thinking skills to examine alternatives, explore complex questions and solve challenging problems.
3. Synthesize information in order to arrive at reasoned conclusions.
4. Evaluate the logic and validity of arguments, as well as the relevance of data and information.
5. Recognize and avoid common logical and rhetorical fallacies.

**Global Learning** – Education for global learning includes understanding the diversity and multiplicity of cultural forces that shape the world through the study of cultures, gender, sexuality, race, religion, class, ethnicities, and languages with a special focus on the contributions, differences, and global perspectives of diverse cultures and societies.

Outcomes: Students will

1. Describe and compare different cultures.
2. Explain how various cultures contribute to the development of our multicultural world.
3. Describe and explain how race, ethnicity, class, gender, religion, sexuality, and other markers of social identity impact life experiences and social relations.
4. Analyze and explain the deleterious impact and the privileges sustained by racism, sexism, ethnocentrism, classism, homophobia, religious intolerance, or stereotyping on all sectors of society.
5. Demonstrate linguistic and cultural proficiency in a language other than English.

**Information Literacy/Competency** – Education for information competency includes progressively developing information competence skills throughout one's undergraduate career by developing a basic understanding of information retrieval tools and practices, as well as improving their ability to evaluate and synthesize information ethically.

Outcomes: Students will:

1. Determine the nature and extent of information needed.
2. Demonstrate effective search strategies for finding information using a variety of sources and methods.
3. Locate, retrieve and evaluate a variety of relevant information, including print and electronic formats.
4. Organize and synthesize information in order to communicate effectively.

5. Explain the legal and ethical dimensions of the use of information.

**Quantitative Reasoning** – Education for mathematical reasoning includes gaining competence for informed judgment and decision making.

Outcomes: Students will:

1. Represent, understand and explain mathematical information symbolically, graphically, numerically, and verbally.
2. Develop mathematical models of real-world situations and explain the assumptions and limitations of those models.
3. Use models to make predictions, draw conclusions, check whether the results are reasonable, and find optimal results using technology when necessary and appropriate.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the nature of mathematical reasoning, including the ability to prove simple results and/or make statistical inferences.