

General Education Goals and Measurable Objectives

General education goals and objectives	First year experience goals
	Students will develop the skills needed for academic success, including the ability to manage time efficiently, study effectively, and take responsibility for their own learning.
Foundational skills	
<p>GOAL: Read, understand, and analyze texts OBJECTIVES: Students will demonstrate ability to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the text’s thesis or themes, main points, and types and quality of evidence • Paraphrase or summarize the content and meaning of the text • Identify the text’s purpose and audience • Identify the author’s organizational and rhetorical strategies • Recognize strengths, weaknesses, and inconsistencies in the text 	Students will develop their abilities to read, understand, and analyze texts.
<p>GOAL: Communicate effectively in speech and in writing OBJECTIVES: Students will demonstrate ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate clearly, coherently, and grammatically using a variety of rhetorical strategies • Communicate using rational argumentation • Adapt writing and speaking to a variety of purposes and audiences • Adhere to standards and principles of academic integrity 	Students will develop their abilities to communicate effectively in speech and in writing.
<p>GOAL: Understand and use quantitative reasoning to solve problems OBJECTIVES: Students will demonstrate ability to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform arithmetic and algebraic operations • Identify and apply mathematical concepts in a variety of contexts • Represent, interpret, and analyze quantitative information 	Students will develop their abilities to understand and use quantitative reasoning to solve problems.
<p>GOAL: Locate, evaluate, and synthesize information in the construction of knowledge OBJECTIVES: Students will demonstrate ability to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate resources relevant to the task • Evaluate the quality, credibility, and relevance of sources and the information contained in sources 	Students will develop their abilities to locate, evaluate, and synthesize information in the construction of knowledge.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate and cite sources according to standards of academic honesty • Use common computer applications in word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, email, and internet 	
Knowledge and Inquiry	
<p>GOAL: Explore and connect fields of knowledge in the liberal arts</p> <p>OBJECTIVES: Students will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire breadth of knowledge in the arts and humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences • Identify links and relationships across disciplines <p>GOAL: Apply diverse modes of inquiry to the study of human societies and the natural world</p> <p>OBJECTIVES: Students will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pose questions, define problems, and investigate possible solutions using multiple modes of inquiry • Apply modes of inquiry to new settings and questions 	<p>Students will begin to explore and connect fields of knowledge in the liberal arts.</p> <p>Students will begin to apply diverse modes of inquiry to their studies.</p>
Values and Beliefs	
<p>GOAL: Develop facility for moral reasoning and examine the moral and religious dimensions of human experience</p> <p>OBJECTIVES: Students will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain understanding of diverse human values and religious beliefs • Demonstrate the ability to understand, analyze, and articulate the moral and ethical dimensions of issues • Demonstrate the ability to articulate and defend ethical judgments 	<p>Students will appreciate and adhere to the principles of academic honesty.</p>
Applications: Turning knowledge into action	
<p>GOAL: Develop capacities for responsible citizenship and leadership in diverse communities</p> <p>OBJECTIVES: Students will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate the civic knowledge needed for engagement • Demonstrate understanding of diverse identities and cultures • Demonstrate ability for civil, respectful discourse • Deepen understanding of social issues and social justice through experiential learning • Demonstrate knowledge of, and facility for, different forms of leadership 	<p>Students will develop their abilities to engage in civil discourse.</p>