



General Studies Learning Goals

Exploration of specialty – for the benefit of themselves, their employers, their community and society at large.

Oral and written communication skills – so as to write, speak and listen to achieve intended meaning and understanding.

Information Literacy – so as to have a systematic and disciplined approach to assessing, evaluating and using information.

Computer Literacy – to develop fundamental computer skills for personal and business use.

Quantitative Reasoning and Mathematical Literacy – to analyze real world problems and use resources effectively to identify reasonableness, alternatives, and to select optimal results.

Critical and Creative Thinking Skills to reframe questions, consider multiple perspectives, draw analogies and generate, test and reevaluate outcomes

Cultural Competence- to gain an understanding of their own values, goals and perspectives in order to gain an appreciation of others of similar and diverse cultures, values and perspectives.

Self-analysis skills- to evaluate one's own values, goals, knowledge base, leadership skills, integrity, citizenship and service to others.

Commitment to life-long learning-to encourage students to continue to learn either at school, through transfer to a baccalaureate program or independently.

Within the General Studies degree program, the goals are:

Upon successful completion of all General Studies degree program requirements, graduates will:

1. Demonstrate a clear connection among elective choices and their personal, occupational or academic ambitions.
2. Work with others, including culturally and intellectually diverse peoples; think critically; and gain an appreciation for life-long learning.
3. Become adept in written and spoken communication skills.
4. Broaden their knowledge in the areas of Humanities, Social Science, Mathematics and Natural Science
5. Explore an area of particular interest.