

Essential Graduation Competencies

Competency	Where Assessed	Rubric(s) for Assessment
1. Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World		
a. Demonstrate knowledge of the sciences and mathematics, wellness, social sciences, humanities, histories, international perspectives, and the arts in the context of both contemporary and enduring questions	GE Tier 2: Arts, Humanities, International Perspectives, Histories, Social Sciences, Natural Science, Wellness; Major	Creative Arts, Humanities/Critical Thinking, Scientific Thinking, Laboratory Techniques, Social Sciences/Ethical Reasoning, Wellness, Historical Perspectives
2. Intellectual and Practical Skills Needed to Engage in 21st Century Challenges		
a. Practice Inquiry and analysis	GE Tier 1: Written Communication II; Major	Written Communication
b. Employ critical and creative thinking	Tier 2: Arts, Humanities; Major	Creative Arts, Humanities/Critical Thinking
c. Communicate effectively	Tier 1: Written Communication I & II, Oral Communication, Histories; Major	Written Communication, Oral Communication, Histories
d. Apply both quantitative & qualitative approaches to problem solving & evaluation	Tier 1: Mathematics	Testing done by Math Department
e. Practice effective collaboration/teamwork	Tier II: Natural Sciences (?); Major	Laboratory Techniques
3. Personal and Social Responsibility		
a. Model civic knowledge and engagement	Tier 2: Social Sciences, International Perspectives; Major	Social Sciences/Ethical Reasoning, International Perspectives
b. Demonstrate understanding of multiculturalism and sensitivity to issues of diversity	Tier 1: First-Year Experience; Major	Cultural Competency
c. Practice professional ethics in reasoning and action	Tier 2: Social Sciences; Major	Social Sciences/Ethical Reasoning
4. Integrative and Applied Learning		
a. Demonstrate synthesis of knowledge both within a specialization and between disciplines	Tier 2: Arts, Humanities, Histories, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Wellness; Major	Creative Arts, Humanities/Critical Thinking, Histories, Social Sciences/Ethical Reasoning, Natural Sciences, Wellness