General Education Learning Objectives

The ultimate objective is for general and discipline-specific education to complement each other in helping students to:

1. Understand processes of acquiring knowledge and information.
2. Reason logically, critically, creatively, and independently, and be able to address problems in a broad context.
3. Recognize different ways of thinking, creating, expressing, and communicating through a variety of media.
4. Understand diversity in value systems and cultures in an interdependent world.
5. Develop a capacity for self-assessment and lifelong learning.

By introducing ideas and issues in human thought and experience, University Studies courses help students achieve the intellectual integration and awareness needed to meet the challenges they will face in their personal, social, and professional lives. University Studies courses emphasize how knowledge is achieved and applied in different domains. Collectively, they provide a foundation and perspective for:

1. Understanding the nature, history, and methods of the arts and humanities, as well as the natural and physical sciences.
2. Understanding the cultural, historical, and natural contexts shaping the human experience.
3. Interpreting the important cultural, socio-economic, scientific, and technological issues of the diverse global community in which we live.

A university education prepares students to work and live meaningfully in today’s rapidly changing global society. Together, general and discipline-specific education help students master the essential competencies making this goal possible. These competencies include:

1. Reading, listening, and viewing for comprehension.
2. Communicating effectively for various purposes and audiences.
3. Understanding and applying mathematics and other quantitative reasoning techniques.
4. Using various technologies competently.
5. Working effectively, both collaboratively and individually.