

Mission, Goals, and Outcomes

Preamble

Illinois State University's General Education Program prepares students to be globally engaged citizens who seek knowledge, appreciate diversity, think critically, communicate effectively, act responsibly and work collaboratively.

Illinois State University is committed to:

- A motivating and engaging faculty and staff who inspire curiosity and empower students;
- A seamless integration of curriculum and co-curriculum that engages students, extends beyond the classroom, and broadens their perspectives.

Goals

Upon the successful completion of the General Education Program, students will have gained

- **knowledge of diverse human cultures and the physical and natural world, allowing them to**
 - use theories and principal concepts, both contemporary and enduring, to understand technologies, diverse cultures, and the physical and natural world
 - explain how the combination of the humanities, fine arts, natural and social sciences, and technology contribute to the quality of life for individuals and communities
 - experience and reflect on global issues
- **intellectual and practical skills, allowing them to**
 - make informed judgments
 - analyze data to examine research questions and test hypotheses
 - report information effectively and responsibly
 - write in a variety of genres, contexts, and disciplines
 - deliver purposeful presentations that inform attitudes or behaviors
- **personal and social responsibility, allowing them to**
 - participate in activities that are both individually life-enriching and socially beneficial to a diverse community
 - interact competently in a variety of cultural contexts
 - demonstrate ethical decision making
 - demonstrate the ability to think reflectively
- **integrative and applied learning, allowing them to**
 - identify and solve problems
 - transfer learning to novel situations
 - work effectively in teams