General Education Competencies
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Written Communication
Writing effectively, with attention to audience, purpose, and style, is an important skill for success in any college major and any career. Successful writers do the following:

- Select and develop a topic for a specific audience and purpose
- Apply the range of conventions particular to a given subject area/discipline when writing about this topic, including appropriate organization, formatting, and style
- Demonstrate information literacy skills by identifying, accessing, and using credible and relevant sources to develop ideas

Critical Thinking
Critical thinking happens when we carefully explore ideas, issues, and problems in our effort to draw conclusions and build new knowledge. Accomplished critical thinkers do the following:

- Identify central ideas and problems within a given subject area
- Effectively interpret relevant information or data
- Recognize and evaluate concepts, theories, and points of view (including one's own)
- Develop informed conclusions about these ideas and problems, and explore the implications of these conclusions

Quantitative Reasoning
Quantitative reasoning involves applying mathematics skills to solve real-world problems. Success in mathematics requires students to do the following:

- Convert relevant information into mathematical context for analysis and understanding
- Demonstrate the ability to perform necessary mathematical calculations for problem solving
- Perform quantitative analysis to draw qualified conclusions from work

Intercultural Knowledge
Understanding our own and others’ diverse ways of interpreting and engaging with the world is essential for success in a global society. Students exhibit intercultural knowledge when they do the following:

- Demonstrate understanding of human diversity (e.g., cultural, social, historical, political, biological)
- Analyze cultural artifacts or customs of expression (e.g., thoughts, behaviors) that emerge in diverse contexts