

STUDENT LEARNING ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - UNIVERSITY STUDIES

The University Studies option provides opportunities for students to explore areas of student interest while developing proficiencies in the liberal arts and selected areas of interest. Graduates of the program will have completed coursework that explores a variety of academic disciplines. Students intending to use the University Studies option as a basis for transfer should make certain that their course selections meet the requirements of the applicable degree at the college or university to which they plan to transfer.

General Education Competencies

Upon completion of the University Studies Degree Program:

1. Students will read, write, listen and use verbal skills to organize and communicate information and ideas in personal and group settings (Communication).
2. Students will demonstrate mathematical principles and scientific reasoning by applying appropriate methods to the inquiry process (Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning).
3. Students will identify, evaluate and analyze evidence to guide decision making and communicate his/her beliefs clearly and accurately (Critical Thinking).

General Education Competencies Assessment Plan

General education competencies are measured with multiple tools.

The following **Curriculum Map** outlines those measurement tools and courses in which the program objectives are presented and/or measured:

General Education Competencies	Measurement Tools	Courses In Which Program Objectives Are Presented and/or Measured
<p>Communication</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present ideas in writing. 2. Present ideas orally according to standard usage. 3. Demonstrate application of information technology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAAP • ENG 299 Capstone Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACS 100 • COM 102 • CIS 101 • ENG 102 • ENG 104 • ENG 299 • Lab Science Elective • Social/Behavioral Science Elective • Fine Arts/Humanities Elective
<p>Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Demonstrate mathematical principles. 5. Demonstrate scientific reasoning. 6. Apply scientific methods to the inquiry process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAAP • ENG 299 Capstone Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENG 299 • MATH 110 • Lab Science Elective
<p>Critical Thinking</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Read and analyze complex ideas. 8. Locate, evaluate and apply research information. 9. Evaluate and present well-reasoned arguments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAAP • ENG 299 Capstone Course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACS 100 • ENG 299 • Lab Science Elective • Social/Behavioral Science Elective • Fine Arts/Humanities Elective

Overview

The University Studies assessment plan is addressed via the plan→do→study→adjust (PDSA) cycle that follows students from their first term through graduation.