LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY IN SHREVEPORT  
GENERAL EDUCATION COMPETENCIES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES  

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I. Communication Skills - Communicate information, thoughts, and viewpoints effectively through oral, written, and graphic forms of expression.

a. Organizes ideas and communicates oral messages appropriate to the audience, purpose, and occasion.
b. Demonstrates in writing the ability to develop and support with mechanical and grammatical proficiency a relevant thesis appropriate for its audience, purpose, and occasion.
c. Demonstrates proficiency in enhancing communication visually.

II. Critical Thinking - Think critically, logically, ethically and creatively to make connections across the disciplines.

a. Demonstrates the ability to apply theory to practice, moving from general to specific.
b. Demonstrates the ability to relate specific examples to broader contexts.
c. Differentiates between facts, assumptions, and conclusions.
d. Identifies and employs appropriate problem-solving techniques.

III. Informational and Computer Literacy - Access, analyze and ethically utilize information through available technologies.

a. Uses a computer and application software.
b. Employs print and electronic sources to locate and access information and assess its validity.
c. Follows appropriate ethical guidelines in the use of information.

IV. Humanities - Assimilate and interpret the diversity and complexity of human cultures as expressed through literature, history, fine or performing arts, or language.

a. Demonstrates knowledge of the influence of language, literature, philosophy, history, or the arts on culture.
b. Demonstrates an understanding of historical context, the interrelationships of other times and cultures.
c. Demonstrates knowledge of the fine or performing arts.
V. Mathematics and Natural Sciences - Use acquired facts, concepts and principles of the sciences to draw logical and valid conclusions.

a. Applies knowledge and concepts to the modeling and solving of real-world problems.
b. Employs mathematics as a tool to interpret numbers, manipulate formulae, and analyze data.
c. Uses the scientific method of inquiry to evaluate and explain reality as it applies to the natural sciences.

VI. Social and Behavioral Sciences - Assimilate and interpret human behavior and the global interrelationships of modern political, economic, behavioral and social institutions.

a. Identifies major concepts in the social sciences, which provide insight into the nature of the disciplines and their relationship with other disciplines.
b. Applies principles, procedures, theory, and research associated with inquiry, decision making and problem solving in the social and behavioral sciences.
c. Interprets the methods social and behavioral sciences use to describe, analyze, and explain human behavior.