

General Education Assessment Plan

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I. Mission statement

The mission of the Indiana University Kokomo General Education Program is to provide common foundational learning experiences for all students over varied disciplines. Students will engage in activities and skills needed to enhance research, creative work, and other scholarly activity promoting diversity, inclusion, and civic engagement.

II. Student learning outcomes

The learning outcomes for the new IU Kokomo General Education curriculum are based on the statewide general education learning outcomes but includes some adaptations and additions that reflect the IU Kokomo campus culture.

The **Foundational Intellectual Skills** category includes:

- Written Communication
- Speaking and Listening
- Quantitative Reasoning

The second category, **Ways of Knowing**, comprises learning outcomes in broad, disciplinary areas, and includes:

- Scientific Ways of Knowing
- Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing
- Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing

Learning outcomes related to historical ways of knowing appear in both the Humanistic and Artistic, and the Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing.

Finally, learning outcomes relevant to Diversity and Ethically Responsible Citizenship are included in the IU Kokomo General Education curriculum. These requirements can be met with two of the six Liberal Arts Core courses (with approved courses for these requirements).

Foundational Intellectual Skills

1. Written Communication

Upon completion of the General Education curriculum, students will be able to:

- 1.1 Produce texts that use appropriate formats, genre conventions, and documentation styles while controlling tone, syntax, grammar, and spelling.
- 1.2 Demonstrate an understanding of writing as a social and ethical process that includes multiple drafts, collaboration, and reflection.
- 1.3 Read critically, summarize, apply, analyze, and synthesize information and concepts in written and visual texts as the basis for developing original ideas and claims.
- 1.4 Demonstrate an understanding of writing assignments as a series of tasks, including identifying and evaluating useful and reliable outside sources.
- 1.5 Develop, assert and support a focused thesis with appropriate reasoning and adequate evidence.
- 1.6 Compose texts that exhibit appropriate rhetorical choices, which include attention to audience, purpose, context, genre, and convention.
- 1.7 Demonstrate proficiency in reading, evaluating, analyzing, and integrating information collected from a variety of formats and media.

2. Speaking and Listening

Upon completion of the General Education curriculum, students will be able to:

- 2.1 Use appropriate organization or logical sequencing to deliver an oral message.
- 2.2 Adapt an oral message for diverse audiences, contexts, and communication channels.
- 2.3 Identify and demonstrate appropriate oral and nonverbal communication practices.
- 2.4 Advance an oral argument using logical reasoning.
- 2.5 Provide credible and relevant evidence to support an oral argument.
- 2.6 Demonstrate the ethical responsibilities of sending and receiving oral messages.
- 2.7 Summarize or paraphrase an oral message to demonstrate comprehension.

3. Quantitative Reasoning

Upon completion of the General Education curriculum, students will be able to:

- 3.1 Interpret information that has been presented in mathematical form (e.g. with functions, equations, graphs, diagrams, tables, words, geometric figures).
- 3.2 Represent information/data in mathematical form as appropriate (e.g. with functions, equations, graphs, diagrams, tables, words, geometric figures).
- 3.3 Demonstrate skill in carrying out mathematical (e.g. algebraic, geometric, logical, statistical) procedures flexibly, accurately, and efficiently to solve problems.
- 3.4 Analyze mathematical arguments, determining whether stated conclusions can be inferred.
- 3.5 Communicate which assumptions have been made in the solution process.
- 3.6 Analyze mathematical results in order to determine the reasonableness of the solution.
- 3.7 Cite the limitations of the process where applicable.
- 3.8 Clearly explain the representation, solution, and interpretation of the math problem.
- 3.9 Demonstrate statistical literacy (e.g., data acquisition, calculation, representation, interpretation).

Ways of Knowing

4. Scientific Ways of Knowing

Upon completion of the General Education curriculum, students will be able to:

- 4.1 Explain how scientific explanations are formulated, tested, and modified or validated.
- 4.2 Distinguish between scientific and non-scientific evidence and explanations.
- 4.3 Apply foundational knowledge and discipline-specific concepts to address issues or solve problems (e.g., interactions of humans and the natural environments, origin and evolution of the universe and of the Earth, renewable energy and sustainability).
- 4.4 Apply basic observational, quantitative, or technological methods to gather data and generate evidence-based conclusions.
- 4.5 Use current models and theories to describe, explain, or predict natural phenomena.
- 4.6 Locate reliable sources of scientific evidence to construct arguments related to real-world issues.

Ways of Knowing (cont'd)

5. Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing

Upon completion of the General Education curriculum, students will be able to:

- 5.1 Demonstrate knowledge of major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical patterns, or historical contexts within a given social or behavioral domain.
- 5.2 Identify the strengths and weaknesses of contending explanations or interpretations for social, behavioral, or historical phenomena.
- 5.3 Demonstrate basic literacy in social, behavioral, or historical research methods and analyses.
- 5.4 Evaluate evidence supporting conclusions about the behavior of individuals, groups, institutions, or organizations.
- 5.5 Recognize the extent and impact of diversity among individuals, cultures, languages, or societies in contemporary or historical contexts.
- 5.6 Identify examples of how social, behavioral, or historical knowledge informs and can shape personal, ethical, civic, or global decisions and responsibilities.

6. Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing

Upon completion of the General Education curriculum, students will be able to:

- 6.1 Recognize and describe humanistic, historical, linguistic, or artistic works or problems and patterns of diverse human experience.
- 6.2 Apply disciplinary methodologies, epistemologies, and traditions of the humanities and the arts, including the ability to distinguish primary and secondary sources.
- 6.3 Analyze and evaluate texts, objects, events, or ideas in their cultural, intellectual, linguistic, or historical contexts.
- 6.4 Analyze the concepts and principles of various types of humanistic or artistic expression.
- 6.5 Create, interpret, or reinterpret artistic and/or humanistic works through performance or criticism.
- 6.6 Develop arguments about forms of human agency or expression grounded in rational analysis and in an understanding of and respect for spatial, temporal, and cultural contexts.
- 6.7 Analyze diverse narratives, languages, and evidence in order to explore the complexity of human experience across space and time.

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7. Diversity

Upon completion of the General Education curriculum, students will be able to:

- 7.1 Students will apply theories and knowledge necessary to understand, articulate, and/or critically analyze one or more cultures, peoples, and/or societies domestically and/or globally.
- 7.2 Students will demonstrate an understanding of one or more cultural phenomena, such as language, religion, literature, and the arts.
- 7.3 Students will demonstrate the impact (such as economic, educational, health) of power differentials as they relate to individual or group characteristics, such as race, ethnicity, class, age, disability, sexuality, gender, religion, nationality, and/or language.

8. Ethically Responsible Citizenship

Upon completion of the General Education curriculum, students will be able to:

- 8.1 Students will explain one or more social or civic problems in local, national, or global communities.
- 8.2 Students will evaluate the various ethical dimensions of one or more social or civic problems in local, national, or global communities.
- 8.3 Students will analyze and assess possible solutions to one or more social or civic problems in local, national, or global communities.

III. Curriculum Map ([Appendix I](#))