



College of Eastern Utah

Essential Learning Outcomes

★ The ability to **understand** the natural world and the human experience

Demonstrated by:

- Knowledge of human cultures in different regions of the world as they have changed over time
- Knowledge of the earth's life forms and the physical properties of the universe
- Knowledge of the human mind and individual and group behavior
- Skills in critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, and problem solving

★ The ability to **communicate** clearly, creatively, and compassionately

Demonstrated by:

- Skills in artistic or creative expression
- Skills in reading and writing
- Skills in listening and speaking
- Skills in information literacy

★ The ability to **act** responsibly and effectively

Demonstrated by:

- Informed and disciplined habits of work
- Informed and disciplined habits of living
- Moral reasoning and ethical action

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General Education Program

CEU's general education program provides an integrated set of courses and activities designed to develop student abilities to *understand* the natural world and the human experience, to *communicate* clearly, creatively, and compassionately, and to *act* responsibly and effectively. Students awarded AS and AA degrees from CEU will be prepared to continue the process of mastering competencies in these three essential learning areas by transferring to four-year degree programs.

The ability to *understand* the natural world and the human experience

The goal of acquiring any body of knowledge is, in part, to cultivate a capacity for understanding that can bridge disciplinary boundaries and that can be brought to bear on a wide variety of problems ranging from those we face in our daily personal lives to challenges in the workplace and the tasks of citizenship. Whether students are studying art or physics, engineering or dance, understanding requires an ability to think critically and to solve problems—skills that are central to all academic, professional, and technical endeavors.

The ability to *communicate* clearly, creatively, and compassionately

There can be no meaningful understanding of ourselves or our place in the world without the ability to communicate. By engaging others, whether through simple conversations or through disciplined study of art, music, and literature, we can find pleasure, solace, and inspiration. Communication requires the ability to access and process the vast array of information, visual and oral, as well as written, now so readily available in our society. The goal of the general education program is to teach students the skills necessary to “read,” in the broadest sense of seeing, hearing, and experiencing the world and to express, through a variety of media, not only what they know but what they yearn for and care about.

The ability to *act* responsibly and effectively

Knowledge of the world and of ourselves, thinking critically in order to understand and solve problems, and communicating well about what matters to us are of greatest value when these skills are used to guide the actions we take in our personal lives, at our jobs, and in our roles as neighbors and citizens in a democratic society. Throughout its general education curriculum, the College seeks to instill in its students lifelong habits of disciplined and effective work, respect for the value of work well done in different disciplines and jobs, responsible and ethical behavior, and engagement in the cultural and civic life of the community.

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