

F.S. Guidelines for the Development of General Education

Humanities and Fine Arts

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Humanities Student Learning Outcomes

After completing the humanities general education curriculum, a student should be able to:

- Comprehend and interpret various artistic and humanistic “texts” – i.e., works of literature, art, music, film, history, philosophy, etc.
- Demonstrate a knowledge of ethical concerns or issues inherent in various contexts from everyday life to public policy
- Demonstrate a knowledge of the major trends, figures, and events in the development of world culture
- Recognize and critically appraise arguments and develop arguments of one’s own
- Demonstrate an understanding of the intricacies, complications, and uncertainties of historical explanation
- Think critically about cultures of the past and present
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written forms of expression

Fine Arts Student Learning Outcomes

After completing the fine arts general education curriculum, a student should be able to:

- Critically evaluate works of art
- Demonstrate creative skills in a fine or performing art or an appreciation of the arts as a significant human activity or expression
- Recognize how the arts are integrated with the values of individuals and cultures