

Benedictine University
University Wide Student Learning Outcomes

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1. **Disciplinary Competence and Skills:** Demonstrate coherent and deep understanding of the content, methodology and practice of at least one discipline, recognize interconnections with other disciplines, and integrate disciplinary knowledge with other disciplines. Demonstrate ability to maintain currency in the field and adaptability to changes in the discipline.
2. **Critical and Creative Thinking Skills:** Apply analytical thought, evaluate arguments and identify key assumptions and implications, recognize bias, analyze arguments from various perspectives, construct coherent arguments, and demonstrate adaptable and creative use of reasoning, logic, and evidence.
3. **Communication Skills:** Communicate effectively orally, in writing, and via a variety of media; tailor message to a variety of audiences.
4. **Information Fluency:** Find, evaluate, interpret, create and disseminate information involving a range of media including print, electronic, oral, aural, and visual, and synthesize and apply information effectively, ethically, and legally. Use current technology effectively to support creative activities and problem-solving.
5. **Analytical Skills:** Interpret and analyze qualitative observations and quantitative data to support valid explanations, models, and/or conclusions.
6. **Global Awareness and Cultural Competence:** Demonstrate understanding of global society, cultural diversity, mutual relationships, the interdependence of and need for solidarity between peoples and nations, and recognize and effectively negotiate cultural boundaries and communicate across cultures.
7. **Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility:** Participate in civic and community affairs, practice ethical and moral decision-making, understand the Catholic principle of “common good” as more than the sum of individual preferences, know oneself as a member of the human family with responsibilities in society, and contribute to the work of social justice.
8. **Stewardship:** Practice the Catholic and Benedictine value of stewardship of time, talent and resources for personal well-being, the common good of local and/or global communities, and for the natural environment.
9. **Personal Development:** Work independently, take initiative, and follow projects through to completion. Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills when working in a group. Demonstrate personal responsibility, engage in creative expression, engage in spiritual expression and the practice of Benedictine values; pursue life-long intellectual growth and development in the Catholic intellectual tradition, and strive for a life lived in balance.