General Studies Student Development Goals

I. Critical Thinking

Upon completion of the required courses in the General Studies program, students will think critically

A. Students will be able to generate or create new ideas when trying to solve real life problems.
B. Students will be able to make and justify persuasive arguments.
C. Students will be able to use the skills necessary to distinguish facts from opinions.
D. Students will be able to reflect on what, how and why learning has taken place.

II. Effective Oral Communication

Upon completion of the required courses in the General Studies program, students will have effective oral communication skills.

III. Effective Writing

Upon completion of the required courses in the General Studies program, students will demonstrate writing proficiency.

A. Students will be proficient in utilizing Modern Language Association (MLA) guidelines for writing and researching and will be able to produce written material in accordance with those guidelines.
B. Students will be able to produce written work which is coherent, unified, developed, and organized and which demonstrates proper syntax, correct grammar, accurate mechanics, precise language, and prescribed format.

IV. Technology Literacy

Upon completion of the required courses in the General Studies program, students will demonstrate technology literacy.

V. Global Perspective

Upon completion of the required courses in the General Studies program, students will adopt a global view of the world and demonstrate knowledge of diversity.

VI. Proficiency in Basic Mathematics and Science

Upon completion of the required course in the General Studies program, students will show proficiency in basic mathematics and scientific reasoning.

VII. Awareness of Human Impact on the Environment

Upon completion of the required courses in the General Studies program, students will demonstrate knowledge of the impact of personal life style choices and economic activities upon the natural environment.

VII. Awareness and Utilization of a Wellness Lifestyle

Upon completion of the required courses in the General Studies program, students will have an overview of wellness.