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Learning Outcomes

On December 5, 2012, the University of Guelph Senate approved five University-wide Learning Outcomes as the basis from which to guide the development of undergraduate degree programs, specializations and courses:

1. Critical and Creative Thinking
2. Literacy
3. Global Understanding
4. Communicating
5. Professional and Ethical Behaviour

These learning outcomes are also intended to serve as a framework through which our educational expectations are clear to students and the broader public; and to inform the process of outcomes assessment through the quality assurance process (regular reviews) of programs and departments.

An on-line guide to the learning outcomes, links to the associated skills, and detailed rubrics designed to support the development and assessment of additional program and discipline-specific outcomes, are available for reference on the Learning Outcomes website.

1. Critical and Creative Thinking

Critical and creative thinking is a concept in which one applies logical principles, after much inquiry and analysis, to solve problems in with a high degree of innovation, divergent thinking and risk taking. Those mastering this outcome show evidence of integrating knowledge and applying this knowledge across disciplinary boundaries. Depth and breadth of understanding of disciplines is essential to this outcome.

In addition, Critical and Creative Thinking includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Inquiry and Analysis; Problem Solving; Creativity; and Depth and Breadth of Understanding.

2. Literacy

Literacy is the ability to extract information from a variety of resources, assess the quality and validity of the material, and use it to discover new knowledge. The comfort in using quantitative literacy also exists in this definition, as does using technology effectively and developing visual literacy.

In addition, Literacy includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Information Literacy, Quantitative Literacy, Technological Literacy, and Visual Literacy.

3. Global Understanding:

Global understanding encompasses the knowledge of cultural similarities and differences, the context (historical, geographical, political and environmental) from which these arise, and how they are manifest in modern society. Global understanding is exercised as civic engagement, intercultural competence and the ability to understand an academic discipline outside of the domestic context.

In addition, Global Understanding includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Global Understanding, Sense of Historical Development, Civic Knowledge and Engagement, and Intercultural Competence.

4. Communicating

Communicating is the ability to interact effectively with a variety of individuals and groups, and convey information successfully in a variety of formats including oral and written communication. Communicating also comprises attentiveness and listening, as well as reading comprehension. It includes the ability to communicate and synthesize information, arguments, and analyses accurately and reliably.

In addition, Communicating includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Oral Communication, Written Communication, Reading Comprehension, and Integrative Communication.

5. Professional and Ethical Behaviour

Professional and ethical behaviour requires the ability to accomplish the tasks at hand with proficient skills in teamwork and leadership, while remembering ethical reasoning behind all decisions. The ability for organizational and time management skills is essential in bringing together all aspects of managing self and others. Academic integrity is central to mastery in this outcome.

In addition, Professional and Ethical Behaviour includes, but is not limited to, the following outcomes: Teamwork, Ethical Reasoning, Leadership, and Personal Organization and Time Management.
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II. The University

History

The University of Guelph was established in 1964 when its founding colleges - the Ontario Agricultural College, the Ontario Veterinary College and Macdonald Institute - joined with a new college of arts and science. Today, the University of Guelph comprises seven colleges - College of Arts, College of Biological Science, College of Management and Economics, College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, the Ontario Agricultural College, and the Ontario Veterinary College.

In addition, the University has a regional campus in Ridgetown.

The University of Guelph is renowned in Canada and around the world as a research-intensive and learner-centred institution and for its commitment to open learning, internationalism and collaboration.

Students may pursue more than 80 undergraduate and 45 graduate degree programs spanning the natural and physical sciences, business, social sciences and humanities. Faculty at the University of Guelph have won more prestigious 3M Fellow teaching awards than faculty at any comparably-sized university in Canada. Our students are no less accomplished: 99.3 percent of first-year students enter with an average of at least 75 percent.

A total of 18,667 students attend Guelph, consisting of 16,617 full- and part-time undergraduates and 2,050 full- and part-time graduate students. The University of Guelph is a highly residential community, with approximately 5,260 students living in campus residences. In addition, the University of Guelph-Humber serves 1,955 full- and part-time undergraduates.

An enhanced partnership reached in 1997 between the University of Guelph and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) relocated OMAFRA employees to an 86,000-square-foot research complex adjacent to campus, and made the University responsible for Ontario's agricultural college at Ridgetown, the Horticultural Research Institute of Ontario and OMAFRA's Laboratory Services. With its enhanced partnership, its research park, Bioproducts Discovery & Development Centre and the Guelph Food Technology Centre -- an independent laboratory on campus for food processing research and product development -- the University of Guelph is the hub of a rapidly growing cluster of agri-food education, research and laboratory services in Canada.

Guelph's commitment to internationalism is reflected in several ways. Guelph attracts close to $150 million in annual research funding, the University of Guelph is one of the country's top research institutions. Among its researchers, Guelph numbers 25 Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada. A 12-hectare research park adjacent to the campus is home to a growing number of research-intensive industries.

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The University of Guelph-Humber is a joint venture developed by Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning and the University of Guelph. Located in Toronto on Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning's North Campus, it offers a range of academic programs leading to a university honours degree and a college diploma in four years.

For more information about the University of Guelph-Humber, see the web site at http://www.guelphhumber.ca.

Mission Statement

The University of Guelph is a research-intensive, learner-centred university. Its core value is the pursuit of truth. Its aim is to serve society and to enhance the quality of life through scholarship. Both in its research and in its teaching programs, the University is committed to a global perspective.