

(Response from faculty groups attending Tuesday, October 25, Workshop on General Education)

What should students get out of a College of Charleston education?

Regardless of their major, what skills and habits of mind do we believe students ought to acquire as the result of earning a C of C degree? Please identify no more than six characteristics or skills, stating each of them in a phrase or sentence.

Make connections and synthesize information

Be creative across disciplines

Gain enough knowledge within discipline in order to think critically

Lead them to acquire knowledge and solve problems throughout their lives

Curiosity

Exposure to a broad range of experiences

Cultural sensitivity

Cross-cultural awareness

Writing skills

Critical reading and reasoning skills

Understand how their discipline fits into the world

Citizenship, both local and global

Oral and written communication

Broad introduction to areas of knowledge

Quantitative, scientific,(plus -----?) literacy

(Alex's group—check for accuracy)

Thinking creatively

Practical application of knowledge

Engender a love for knowledge and learning

Communicate ideas clearly through the written and spoken word

Critical thinking skills that permit students to synthesize and analyze both qualitative and quantitative data

Communication skills—written, spoken, presentation

Analytical critical interpretations skills

Intellectual curiosity

Respect for global and cultural diversity

Individual integrity and community consciousness

Cross-disciplinary understanding of how knowledge is generated

Open to new and different points of view
Cultivate intellectual curiosity
Understanding of global complexity
Capacity for sound judgment based on evidence and systematic reflection
Appreciate interconnectedness of knowledge
Demonstrate communication competency (visual, quantitative, writing, speaking, reading, listening)
Understand importance of historical context
Appreciate importance of ongoing cultivation of technological literacy
Be prepared to make positive contributions to the community

Good global citizenship
Ability to think creatively and critically
Verbal literacy—oral and written
Quantitative literacy
Cross-cultural literacy
Scientific and technological literacy

Depth and breadth in a discipline
Critical thinking skills/application in 21st century
Appreciation of learning and new knowledge
Communication skills (reading, writing, speaking, tech)
Social responsibility to fellow man and environment
