



University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

General Education Program

Students who successfully complete the UCSB General Education (G.E.) program will be able to:

- Participate in the protocols of scholarly inquiry within and across specific academic disciplines by exploring:
 - How questions are developed;
 - What methods are used for investigation;
 - What evidence is used to explore questions;
 - Appropriate conventions of knowledge organization (form, style, syntax, mechanics, citation);
 - The relevance of inquiry for contemporary contexts.
- Locate, interpret, and use sources from academic and vernacular sources (documents, artifacts, performances, etc.) in ways that are appropriate for specific contexts, audiences, and purposes.
- Critically read and interpret qualitative, quantitative, primary, and/or secondary sources to inform inquiry.
- Demonstrate effective strategies approaching and understanding key concepts and ideas within particular disciplines.
- Articulate understandings of key concepts and ideas through production of texts, performances, or other materials appropriate to the discipline (i.e., documents, artifacts, arguments, performances, etc.).

These broad learning goals are disseminated through 12 focus areas within the GE curriculum. The student learning outcomes for each of these areas contribute to the achievement of these overarching goals.

Specific outcomes in each area are described in separate documents and on the assessment.ucsb.edu website.