



University of California, Santa Barbara  
Program Learning Outcomes

**G.E. Area E: Culture and Thought**

In Area E courses, students use specific methods and frameworks to develop perspectives and abilities that enable the study of culture and thought within specific contexts, and to recognize the role of human agency in defining, maintaining, and adapting cultures.

***Students who successfully complete the Area E requirement will be able to:***

- Recognize that definitions of culture are constructed by individuals and/or groups within specific contexts and situations and understand factors contributing to or shaping these definitions.
- Identify how individuals and/or groups draw on thought and culture to find meaning in events, behaviors, places, objects, images, or ideas.
- Understand how those who study culture and thought within specific contexts ask questions, gather and interpret evidence, and represent analysis.
- Critically read, interpret, and evaluate primary and secondary evidence in order to address questions about definitions of culture and thought within specific contexts.
- Draw on analyses of culture and thought within specific contexts to develop informed perspectives about cultures and identities.