

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences ▪ Alfred University

Learning Objectives for our Students

In the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Alfred University, students will...

...explore human cultures, and the physical and natural world.

- **Recognize** and **use** language and principles appropriate to diverse disciplines.
- **Acquire, analyze** and **synthesize** knowledge in order to ask and evaluate critical questions.
- **Integrate** perspectives across disciplines.

Focused by an engagement with big questions, both contemporary and enduring, this outcome is the foundation of a liberal education.

...communicate as readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and artists.

- **Articulate** and **organize** ideas in forms appropriate to the disciplines using language, numbers, image, sound, and/or movement.
- **Analyze** expression in a variety of forms by recognizing and evaluating the context, purpose, and point of view.
- **Demonstrate** an understanding of the audience in any exchange of ideas.
- **Revise** and **edit** work for clarity, consistency, coherence, and creativity.

Practiced across the curriculum and in co-curricular activities, strong communication skills are crucial to success after graduation.

...respond to problems and/or opportunities creatively.

- **Demonstrate** thinking and reasoning appropriate to both concrete or abstract contexts and challenges, employing multiple tools and cross-disciplinary approaches.
- **Conduct** research, **construct** hypotheses and/or research questions, and **draw** conclusions that connect new knowledge to existing knowledge.
- **Explore** the arts, learning to analyze, critique and/or practice artistic forms.
- **Engage** in both individual and collaborative problem solving.

Exercised critically and creatively across disciplines, intellectual curiosity is emblematic of the life-long learner.

...practice personal and social awareness through engagement with local and global communities.

- **Develop** an awareness of self and your relation to others.
- **Engage** with the local community and its history.
- **Develop** the linguistic and cultural competence to engage successfully with the global community.
- **Recognize** the interconnectedness of the human experience on a global scale.

Founded on the principles of global citizenship, which requires students to connect, integrate, and act, this outcome shapes responsible, productive individuals.

...apply knowledge and skills across general and specialized studies.

- **Connect** intellectual inquiry to the real world through experiential learning.
- **Appraise** the depth and breadth of your Alfred University learning experience by reflecting upon the personal and social significance of it.
- **Illustrate** your ability to connect multiple ideas that spread across disciplines and activities.

Sculpted throughout a student's college career, an ability to integrate knowledge with practice is essential to the development of educated, engaged individuals. This outcome represents the hallmark of liberal education at Alfred University.