

Integrative Learning Core

LSU's General Education Program



LSU's general education program, Integrative Learning Core (ILC), provides many benefits for students:

- Employers today want to see that graduates have strong cognitive skills in addition to technical skills. It's important for LSU graduates to demonstrate to employers they can think critically, communicate clearly and solve complex problems in the ever-changing world we live in.
- Taking courses in a general education program provides students with a breadth of knowledge that is transferable across disciplines and provides additional insights for critical thinking.
- General education courses can also inspire passion and spark interest for students in fields they may have never considered.

In fall 2022, LSU implemented an enhanced version of its general education program. In addition to the meeting the required 39-credit hours across the six Board of Regents knowledge areas - **English Composition, Mathematics/Analytical Reasoning, Natural Sciences (Life and Physical), Humanities, Social/Behavioral Sciences, and Fine Arts** – each course awarding general education credit is aligned to a particular proficiency - **Civic Engagement, Ethical Reasoning, Global Learning, Inquiry and Analysis, Intercultural Knowledge and Competence, Oral Communication, Problem Solving, Quantitative and Formal Reasoning, or Written Communication.**

Students are required to meet the Board of Regents knowledge areas. Think of the ILC proficiencies as something extra (**LAGNIAPPE**). In addition to taking courses across six knowledge areas to meet the Board of Regents requirements, students will also gain knowledge and skills in certain proficiencies that will help them succeed after college – in pursuing additional educational opportunities as well as beginning a career. There are no separate set of requirements for students related to the proficiencies.

Students may ask why LSU is focused on proficiencies as part of its ILC program. LSU is committed to providing opportunities for students to develop, across the undergraduate curriculum, the practical and intellectual capacities associated with integrative learning in preparation for high competence and functionality in post-baccalaureate contexts. At LSU, all students will be Career Ready!

COURSE CONTENT + ILC PROFICIENCY = CAREER READY

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