

TRANSFERABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

What are the transferable learning outcomes, and why do they matter to MavEd?

Transferable learning outcomes are broadly applicable abilities that students can carry across disciplines, careers, and life contexts. In UNO's revised General Education Program, these learning outcomes are not tied to any single field of study but are instead core intellectual and practical abilities that enable students to adapt, think critically, and engage meaningfully with complex and evolving situations.

The three transferable learning outcomes are embedded in every general education course.

1. Integrative Learning & Reflection

The ability to synthesize knowledge from different disciplines or experiences, apply it in real-world contexts, and reflect meaningfully on the learning process.

2. Critical Thinking & Information Literacy

The ability to locate, evaluate, and use credible information effectively to solve problems, form reasoned judgments, and construct evidence-based arguments.

3. Intercultural Awareness

The ability to recognize and analyze cultural differences, understand diverse perspectives, and navigate intercultural contexts with empathy and respect.

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WHY TRANSFERABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES MATTER



Essential for the Workforce

Employers consistently identify skills like critical thinking, adaptability, problem solving, and data literacy as top priorities — often above content knowledge. Transferable learning outcomes prepare graduates for roles that don't yet exist.



Support Lifelong Learning

These learning outcomes empower students to learn independently, adapt to new environments, and grow personally and professionally throughout their lives.



Promote Equity and Access

Embedding transferable learning outcomes in all courses ensures that every student — regardless of major — has access to high-impact learning experiences that build confidence and capability.



Enhance Relevance and Engagement

When students can clearly see how their learning applies beyond the classroom, they're more motivated and invested in their education.

UNO's revised curriculum places transferable learning outcomes at the heart of general education to ensure that students graduate not only with knowledge, but with the versatility and insight to apply that knowledge meaningfully in an uncertain and interconnected world.

Additional Resources at MavEd.unomaha.edu

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