

University of Wisconsin System Shared Learning Goals for Baccalaureate Students

- **Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Natural World** including breadth of knowledge and the ability to think beyond one's discipline, major or area of concentration. This knowledge can be gained through the study of the arts, humanities, languages, sciences and social sciences.
- **Critical and Creative Thinking Skills** including inquiry, problem solving, and higher order qualitative and quantitative reasoning.
- **Effective Communication Skills** including listening, speaking, reading, writing, and information literacy.
- **Intercultural knowledge and competence** including the ability to interact and work with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures; to lead or contribute support to those who lead; and to empathize with and understand those who are different than they are.
- **Individual, Social and Environmental Responsibility** including civic knowledge and engagement (both local and global), ethical reasoning, and action.

Many University of Wisconsin System campuses are currently working to advance these primary learning goals and values. However, we can be more intentional, coordinated, systematic, and effective in educating the citizens that our communities, state, and nation need.

United in our focus on these shared learning goals, the University of Wisconsin System is committed to preparing students with the learning they need to become life-long learners, to enjoy a high quality of life, and to succeed in and contribute to our rapidly changing, increasingly global society.