Draft Revised GE Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: To develop the skills and competencies necessary to participate effectively in our society and the world.

Students attaining the first learning goal will be able to:
- Demonstrate effective oral communication.
- Demonstrate effective written communication.
- Demonstrate the ability to think logically, critically, and creatively.
- Apply quantitative reasoning concepts and skills to solve problems.
- Use technology to gather and communicate information.

Goal 2: To develop an understanding of the contributions to human knowledge and culture of the physical and biological sciences, the humanities and creative arts, and the social sciences.

Students attaining the second learning goal will be able to:
- Explain and apply the scientific method.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the living and non-living physical world in which they live.
- Demonstrate an understanding of human cultural endeavors.
- Demonstrate an understanding of structures and institutions that frame human interactions.
- Demonstrate an understanding of human self-conceptualization in relation to different environments.

Goal 3: To develop students’ abilities to integrate knowledge, make informed, ethical decisions and engage responsibly in society.

Students attaining the third learning goal will be able to:
- Demonstrate the ability to reflect on and assess relevant ethical values, including their own.
- Predict and explain how decisions affect, and are affected by, local, regional, national, and global conditions.
- Integrate the knowledge and dispositions developed in several disciplines to analyze and critically evaluate specific problems, issues, or topics.

Goals 1 and 2 refer primarily to lower division; Goal 3 refers primarily to upper division.

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