

General Education Program

IDS101 is your introduction to Eureka College and to our General Education curriculum. During your time at Eureka, you will take courses in a wide range of disciplines in order to provide you with the tools to explore our world and culture from a variety of different perspectives. The following information is drawn from the Eureka College Course Catalogue and is intended to give you some context for this course, which is aimed at starting you on your way to fulfilling the Gen Ed goals.

General Education Program Mission Statement: The General Education Program at Eureka College exists to engage students in the exploration and acquisition of the knowledge, skills, and values that provide a foundation for lifelong excellence in learning, service, and leadership.

General Education Program goals:

1. **Our graduates will** understand the essential concepts, issues, and ways of knowing that characterize the natural sciences, the humanities, the social sciences, and the fine and performing arts.
2. **The college expects** that its graduates will discern the connections among these fields of inquiry and how those connections serve as the framework of our common cultural heritage.
3. **Our graduates will** possess fundamental expertise in the skills of disciplined reading, effective communication, mathematical analysis, critical and creative thinking, collaborative problem solving, and aesthetic evaluation.
4. **The college expects** that its graduates will recognize the connections among these skills and be able to apply these skills in creative and appropriate ways to demands they will face in a diverse and changing world.
5. **Our graduates will** be committed to values that emphasize a moral responsibility to self, to the local and national community, to the global family, and to the environment.
6. **The college expects** that its graduates will appreciate the relationships inherent in all of life and will accordingly live lives reflective of their moral commitments and characterized by leadership in service of others.

To be clear: These 6 goals are the goals for the General Education program as a whole, *not* this particular course. We hope, however, that IDS101H will put you on track to achieve these goals by the time that you graduate.