

## **UNDERGRADUATE LEARNING PRINCIPLES**

### **Respective & Expressive Communication Skills**

Use appropriate reading strategies to acquire, demonstrate and understanding of different texts' meanings.

Orally express ideas clearly, coherently, and in an organized manner through various means to inform, persuade, describe or entertain.

Communicate ideas in writing through clear, coherent and organized prose for intended audience, occasion and purpose.

Identify a research topic; utilize appropriate resources; synthesize and organize; gather, analyze, and interpret data and effectively disseminate information.

### **Critical Thinking**

Interpret, analyze and evaluate various forms of communication from multiple perspectives; synthesize and arrive at conclusions and decisions supported by evidence.

Critically examine one's arguments and conclusions and those of others.

Construct well-reasoned arguments explaining phenomena, validating conjectures, supporting positions.

Gather evidence supporting arguments, findings, or lines of reasoning.

Support or refine claims based on the results of an inquiry.

Use quantitative, qualitative skills to solve problems and address issues creatively and constructively.

### **Integration & Application of Knowledge**

Utilize an understanding of more than one academic discipline to identify/explain a social, legal, economic, political, or technological issue; utilize appropriate resources to clearly communicate how issue could be addressed.

Establish knowledge and skills to enable students to extend topic scope beyond individual discipline.

## **Understanding Society & Culture**

Examine the similarities and differences among individuals in human history, societies, and ways of living.

Recognize and understand contributions of individuals from diverse ethnic, cultural backgrounds.

Explore and communicate an understanding of interdependence of global, national, state, and local issues.

Effectively interact with others in a changing global context.

## **Appreciating Values & Ethics**

Appreciate and respect value systems of diverse cultures.

Utilize ethical reasoning to guide personal/professional decision-making; be accountable for one's actions.