

University of Idaho – General Education Learning Outcomes

University Learning Outcomes broadly describe expected and desired consequences of learning through integrated curricular and co-curricular experiences. The outcomes become an expression of the desired attributes of an educated person and guide coherent, integrated and institutional educational experiences. They provide us with a basis for ongoing assessment to continuously improve teaching and learning (University of Idaho General Catalog 2014-15 page 8). They are also the shared and integrating principles that are the foundation and structure for the General Education curriculum.

1. **Learn and integrate** – Through independent learning and collaborative study, attain, use, and develop knowledge in the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences, with disciplinary specialization and the ability to integrate information across disciplines.
2. **Think and create** – Use multiple thinking strategies to examine real-world issues, explore creative avenues of expression, solve problems, and make consequential decisions.
3. **Communicate** – Acquire, articulate, create and convey intended meaning using verbal and non-verbal methods of communication that demonstrate respect and understanding in a complex society.
4. **Clarify purpose and perspective** – Explore one’s life purpose and meaning through transformational experiences that foster an understanding of self, relationships, and diverse global perspectives.
5. **Practice citizenship** – Apply principles of ethical leadership, collaborative engagement, socially responsible behavior, respect for diversity in an interdependent world, and a service-oriented commitment to advance and sustain local and global communities.



A little history on the University of Idaho's Five Learning Outcomes.

1. Faculty Council Minutes for Meeting #2 Sept 5th 2006 – Report from Strategic Plan's Goal One Implementation Team. Responding to Goal One, Objective A, Strategy 1 of the Vision, Values, and Directions (2006-2010) Strategic Plan, it reads: "Develop learning outcomes at the University as well as at program levels for graduates and undergraduates," Jeanne Christiansen (Stevenson) and Bruce Pitman co-chaired a university-wide committee of 15 faculty, staff and student members, who developed and presented to Council the Five Learning Outcomes. A draft of these Learning Outcomes had been vetted through site visits to the Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Idaho Falls Centers, and on the Moscow Campus, and was posted on the web for review and comment. Input was reviewed and the Learning Outcomes were reviewed before presentation to Faculty Council.
2. Faculty Council Minutes for Meeting #6 Oct 3rd 2006 – Strategic Plan Goal One Team presented the five Learning Outcomes in Final Revision to the Council, and they were discussed and approved unanimously by Council.
3. The University Learning Outcomes were in use for University-wide program assessment by Fall semester 2006. A leadership in-service was hosted on program assessment that Fall semester 2006 and other subsequent semesters.
4. Strategic Action Plan 2007-2011 – Under 1. Teaching and Learning Goal, Objective A (build an innovative curriculum), Strategies 1 and 2 specifically focus on the learning outcomes, at the university and at the program levels.
5. The University Learning Outcomes first appeared in the University Catalog 2007-08 (updated 8/28/07) and each Catalog each year since. They are placed at the beginning of the Catalog, right after the Strategic Plan, and state the desired attributes obtained through a University of Idaho Education and sought in an "educated person."
6. The University Learning Outcomes appears in FSH 1565 Academic Ranks and Responsibilities, C-1-a under Instruction, "Active participation in the assessment of learning outcomes is expected of all faculty at the course, program and university-wide levels.

For background and purpose of the Learning Outcomes, see [University of Idaho Learning Outcomes](http://www.uidaho.edu/learningoutcomes/) at <http://www.uidaho.edu/learningoutcomes/>