

EDUCATING ENGAGED CITIZENS

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“... a balance between liberal learning and career preparation that is relevant in today’s world.”

focused
embedded

Previous Curriculum

- Broad exposure to multiple disciplines
- Competencies in math, writing, and foreign language
- Implemented in 1970s

Principles for a General Education Model

- Focus on student needs
- Be deliberate and intentional
- Be interdisciplinary
- Focus on intellectual and practical skills
- Focus on personal/social responsibilities
- Contain a first year experience course
- Contain built in assessment

Developing the Curriculum

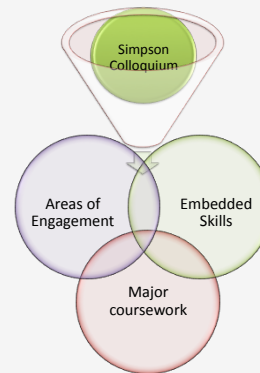
- Faculty/staff working group formed (Fall 2006)
- Proposal for framework of ECC created (Spring 2008)
- Learning outcomes created by 16 working groups (Summer 2009)
- ECC passed by faculty (Fall 2009)
- Review panels formed to approve ECC Courses (Spring 2010)
- ECC rolled out for new students (Fall 2011)

integrated

ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP CURRICULUM

- SIMPSON COLLOQUIUM
- AREAS OF ENGAGEMENT

The Arts
Civic Engagement
Diversity and Power
Ethics and Value Inquiry
Global Perspectives
Historical Perspectives
Scientific Reasoning



- EMBEDDED SKILLS

Collaborative Leadership
Critical Thinking
Information Literacy
Intercultural Communication
Oral Communication
Quantitative Reasoning
Written Communication

- CAPSTONE IN THE MAJOR

engaged
purposeful

Implementation

- Used the working group model to form review panels
- Worked closely with the curriculum committee
- Formed a transition team of faculty, staff, and administrators
- Met regularly with the registrar
- Publicized changes through student paper and public forums

Learning Outcomes

AAC&U	NEW CURRICULUM
Intellectual/Practical Skills	All Courses and Embedded Skills
Intercultural Knowledge	Intercultural Communication, Global Perspectives, Diversity and Power, Historical Perspectives, The Arts
Physical/Natural World	Scientific Reasoning
Ethical Reasoning and Action	Ethics and Value Inquiry
Civic Knowledge/Engagement	Civic Engagement
Teamwork/Problem Solving	Collaborative Leadership
Integrative Learning	Capstone in the Major