

Common Learning Objectives/Outcomes

As part of the discussion under “Benedictine Heritage” at:
<http://www.ben.edu/about/history.asp>

Benedictine University is committed to assist all students in the acquisition of knowledge and cultivation of skills in six major areas. Graduates of the university's degree programs will develop:

1. **Disciplinary Knowledge:**
 - a. Acquire, understand and synthesize discipline-based knowledge
 - b. Apply disciplinary methodologies in their qualitative and quantitative dimensions
 - c. Understand the content and interrelationships of specific areas of study
 - d. Communicate effectively within and across the disciplines
2. **Communication Skills:**
 - a. Express oneself clearly and concisely in multiple forms
 - b. Appreciate and develop creative expression
3. **Problem-Solving Skills:**
 - a. Reason and communicate informed judgments
 - b. Identify and solve problems, independently and cooperatively
 - c. Understand the nature of and evaluate evidence
4. **Social Responsibility:**
 - a. Confront and resolve ethical issues and contribute to the work of peace and social justice
 - b. Exhibit stewardship of self and environment
 - c. Develop good citizenship
5. **Global Perspectives:**
 - a. Benefit from diversity of opinion, abilities, and culture
 - b. Recognize the importance of the interdependence of cultures and nations
 - c. Communicate effectively within and across cultural boundaries
6. **Self-Direction and Personal Growth:**
 - a. Develop a sense of intellectual curiosity and a desire for lifelong learning
 - b. Strive for a life lived in balance
 - c. Develop leadership potential
 - d. Foster spiritual growth