

society. General education classes integrate areas of study and encourage progressively more complex and creative analysis, expression, and problem solving.

The General Education Program has three goals:

Goal 1: To develop students' core competencies for academic, personal, creative, and professional pursuits.

Goal 2: To enact the university's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and justice by ensuring that students have the knowledge and skills to serve and contribute to the well-being of local and global communities and the environment.

Goal 3: To offer students integrated, multidisciplinary, and innovative study in which they pose challenging questions, address complex issues, and develop cooperative and creative responses.

More information about the General Education Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) can be found on the <u>GE website</u> (https://sjsu.edu/general-education/ge-requirements/overview/learning-outcomes.php).

Course Goals

GE Area A3: Critical Thinking and Writing

Area A3 courses develop students' understanding of the relationship of language to logic. By engaging students in complex issues requiring critical thinking and effective argumentation, A3 courses develop students' abilities to research and analyze important topics and to construct their own arguments on issues that generate meaningful public debate and deliberation. Courses include explicit instruction and practice in inductive and deductive reasoning as well as identification of formal and informal fallacies of language and thought. Completion of Area A2 (Written Communication I) with a minimum grade of C- is a prerequisite for enrollment in Area A3. Completion of Area A3 with a grade of C- or better is a CSU graduation requirement.

GE Area A3 Learning Outcomes (GELOs)

Upon successful completion of an Area A3 course, students should be able to:

- 1. locate, interpret, evaluate, and synthesize evidence in a comprehensive way, including through library research; and integrate research findings into oral and written arguments through appropriate citation and quotation;
- 2. use a range of rhetorical and logical strategies to articulate and explain their positions on complex issues in dialogue with other points of view;
- 3. identify and critically evaluate the assumptions in and the contexts of arguments; and
- 4. use inductive and deductive logic to construct valid, evidence-supported arguments and draw valid

Writing Practice: Students will write a minimum of 6000 words, at least 4000 of which must be in revised final draft form.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Employ credible information sources and information to evaluate environmental issues and formulate effective sustainability
- 2. Describe the economics, politics, and social processes that have resulted in the environmental injustice and degradation of the natural
- 3. Demonstrate understanding of valid scientific information relevant to environmental issues and effective natural-resources and environmental
- 4. Identify social, political, and technical solutions that will guide change towards more sustainable communities today, and in the years to come.

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STEP 2: "You Teach and Activity": (GELO2, CELO3-CELO4). The last two weeks of class will be dedicated to your teaching and activities. Each pair will be given 20 minutes to present and conduct the activity.

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