Learning Outcomes for the Twenty-first Century

Heritage
The College of St. Scholastica is a Catholic academic institution in the Benedictine Tradition. We are shaped by the Benedictine principles of formative study, meaningful work, responsible living and daily prayer. The College of St. Scholastica embraces the fundamental principles of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition: reason and faith are equally valid and ultimately compatible; rational inquiry and the search for meaning are key values; the contributions of other perspectives are enriching. The College intentionally fosters a community of diverse voices, religions and philosophies. St. Scholastica students should reflect our distinctive identity and, as beneficiaries of the College’s heritage, recognize their responsibilities to the academic community that nurtures them and to other communities in which they may contribute.

Students at St. Scholastica will:
- Articulate the ways they have experienced the Benedictine values while at the College
- Recognize the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and its role in their college experience
- Contend with academic issues where the tension between reason and faith is present
- Analyze critical questions of our time from the perspective of the College’s Benedictine heritage and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition

Scope and Depth of Learning
As an institution founded on the love of learning, the College has a commitment to prepare students for their responsibilities as working professionals, as citizens and as individuals who seek full human lives. St. Scholastica students need the scope and depth of learning that will enable them to understand and navigate the world in which they live.

Students at St. Scholastica will:
- Recognize and value different ways of knowing by exploring a wide range of liberal arts and sciences courses
- Achieve the learning outcomes designated by their major

Intellectual and Foundational Skills
St. Scholastica students need intellectual and foundational skills that prepare them for responsible living and meaningful work.

Students at St. Scholastica will:
- Think critically and analytically
- Write and speak clearly and effectively
- Demonstrate linguistic proficiency in a second language
- Recognize the need and importance of living and working in a diverse community
- Demonstrate scientific, mathematical and technological abilities
- Evaluate uses and sources of information
Personal and Social Responsibility
As a Catholic and Benedictine institution, the College has a particular obligation to share with St. Scholastica students why it believes in the worth and dignity of all persons, why it places importance on extending hospitality to all, and why it works for peace, justice and stewardship in a diverse world.

Students at St. Scholastica will:
- Apply academic learning to public issues
- Recognize, analyze, and work to resolve ethical and social issues
- Engage in activities that promote physical, spiritual and emotional well being
- Examine the influence of personal, social and institutional factors on discrimination and prejudice
- Develop an understanding and appreciation of service in service learning activities

Integration of Learning
To prepare students for responsible living and meaningful work, the College believes that students should direct a substantial portion of their effort toward excellence within a particular discipline. In addition, the College believes that on-going study in the liberal arts and sciences will prepare students for the challenges of the twenty-first century. Since the skills and knowledge necessary for life and work are changing more quickly than at any time in history, St. Scholastica students need practice in applying and integrating their learning.

Students at St. Scholastica will:
- Integrate learning between liberal arts and sciences courses and the coursework in their major

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