

1. The successful YSU student has the skill to approach and complete a task with a maturity and responsibility that demonstrates a knowledge base and the ability to think independently. (Students will progress from asking for assistance with problems every step of the way to taking control of the issue and solving it with minor guidance. Our students should be the “go to” people on a jobsite or other context.)
2. YSU students should learn strategies for effective reading, writing, and communicating within multiple, diverse discourse communities.  
YSU students should utilize critical reading, writing, and thinking skills in argumentation, persuasion, and problem solving.  
YSU students should demonstrate techniques for aesthetic appreciation of the literary and creative arts and show understanding of the role of creativity in discovery, innovation, and artistic expression.  
YSU students should gain enhanced appreciation for the interconnections between human expression and cultural conditions through techniques associated with critical reading, writing, and thinking.