
Upon successful completion of all required credit hours, YSU graduates will be able to critically evaluate quantitative information and use quantitative information to make informed decisions.

I think we should adopt NACE Career Readiness Outcomes and include elements of AAC&U integrative learning and high impact practices across the curriculum, focusing particularly on service learning and experiential learning given the region

IMPACT: Students are building a strong future workforce.

GOAL: Students can articulate their values, interests, personality, and strengths to future employers and graduate colleges.

Critical Thinking/Information Literacy: Critical thinking is the ability to form your own evidence and logic-based opinions through the evaluation and citation of information. It is especially important in today's age of information overload and targeted misinformation campaigns. YSU students need experience in evaluating evidence for its efficacy, biases, affected parties, and more, before considering how to use said evidence to form their opinions and beliefs.

Self-Care: Today's environment is stressful; especially for college students who are inevitably in a tumultuous time in their lives. YSU students are exiting school into a world with constant political turmoil, incoming climate crisis, and a financial situation in which many young college graduates are not financially able to live up to the 'American Dream' many have been raised on. To summarize, it is stressful. More and more young people are turning to poor coping mechanisms and many have not been taught otherwise. Teaching and practicing safe, effective self-care could change and even save the lives of YSU students both during and after their YSU careers.

Financial Literacy: As an institution that is putting many of its students into thousands of dollars of debt, it makes sense for YSU to also try to give its students some experience and knowledge regarding financial literacy. The world is more financially complicated now than it has ever been; learning skills pertaining to balancing a budget, dealing with debt, responsible credit card use, and filing taxes would be a boon to YSU students throughout their college careers and beyond.

Civic Involvement: Positive change and progress cannot be achieved without an active, civilly involved population. Humans are social creatures and most people are more satisfied and happier when they are connected to their community. Whatever the change being sought, the first step is going to be conversations and community interaction. Students need opportunities to get involved with their community and organizations both in and outside of YSU to build the experience and confidence necessary to change their communities for the better.

Communication: Regardless of a student's eventual career field, one skill is certainly going to be a requirement for the job: communication. Whether it is written or oral, students need to be able to coherently, clearly, and appropriately communicate with their peers, subordinates, and bosses. Most students are going to end up in fields that have little or nothing to do with their degree, so it is imperative that they gain useful and transferable skills while at YSU and no skill is more important than communication.