

PHILOSOPHY

Since the primary purpose of education is intellectual development, the General Studies Program at the University of Nebraska at Kearney is designed to provide broad intellectual knowledge of the diverse academic disciplines. The liberally educated person, free to explore knowledge and wisdom from a broad perspective of human culture and experience, is able to think independently, to question, to analyze, to interpret, and to judge. To achieve these goals, the General Studies Program encourages students to more fully develop their communication skills. The program further encourages students to inquire into the disciplines of the humanities, fine arts, mathematics, and the natural, social, and behavioral sciences. Finally, the program encourages students to become aware of the relationships which exist among the disciplines and to understand how to apply the knowledge gained to personal development as well as contemporary problems in the students' natural, social, economic and political environments.