Honors Program Learning Outcomes

1. Clear and compelling written expression
2. Critical thinking that is open-minded, objective, and as free as possible from prejudice and presupposition
3. The comprehension of abstract arguments and the ability to move between the general and the particular
4. An appreciation for the variety of human experience, exploring both its universality and its diversity
5. An understanding of and appreciation for the various modes of artistic expression
6. Collaboration on group projects or activities

Honors Program Mission Statement

The Weber State University Honors Program offers students a comfortable and friendly learning environment. We offer a:

- Place for students looking for an academic community, both through classes and in the Honors Center;
- Number of small, challenging, and creative classes, many of which fulfill General Education requirements;
- Commitment to diversity, in terms of the variety of classes offered, as well as our respect for individual differences;
- Preparation for professional life and graduate school after Weber.

Creative Arts and Humanities General Education

Foundational Principles

1. We believe the arts and humanities play a fundamental role as tools for the analysis, interpretation, creation, and expression of human ideals, challenges, and desires across cultures.
2. Perspectives from the arts and humanities apply to other academic disciplines and to society at large.
3. We value open inquiry into complex problems, and the ability to reflect on, analyze, and appreciate diverse viewpoints and schools of thought.

Although the broad foundational principles outlined above are explored in both Creative Arts and Humanities courses, important distinctions of emphasis characterize these two branches of knowledge. The specific learning outcomes for the two areas are as follows.

Creative Arts General Education Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will create works of art and/or increase their understanding of creative processes in writing, visual arts, interactive entertainment, or performing arts.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of key themes, concepts, issues, terminology and ethical standards employed in creative arts disciplines. They will use this knowledge to analyze works of art from various traditions, time periods, and cultures.

**Humanities General Education Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of diverse philosophical, communicative, linguistic, and literary traditions, as well as of key themes, concepts, issues, terminology, and ethical standards in humanities disciplines.
2. Students will analyze cultural artifacts within a given discipline, and, when appropriate, across disciplines, time periods, and cultures.
3. Students will demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate their understanding of humanities materials in written, oral, or graphic forms.