

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTCOMES

“In all people there lies, in accordance with human nature, a desire to search out the truth which leads us on to have a longing for knowledge and learning and infuses into us a wish to seek after it. To excel in this seems a noble thing.”

Saint Ambrose, patron saint of learning, *De Officiis*, book 1, chapter XXVI



About the image: This is a representation of the honeybee “waggle dance,” which the bees use to communicate the distance to and direction of a food source. Much like the bees’ waggle dance, an Ambrosian education supports our students’ integration of knowledge across time and space to enable them to enrich their own lives and the lives of others.

Courses aligned with St. Ambrose General Education Outcomes and Requirements advance our mission by supporting students' achievement in skills and knowledge grounded in the liberal arts and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. Consult with an academic advisor and refer to the current university catalog for general education course offerings.

Fundamental Skills and Knowledge courses are offered in Communication, English, Math, Computer Science, Statistics, Modern Languages, Kinesiology, and the Library (12–18 credits)

So that they can succeed in personal, educational, professional, and civic endeavors, St. Ambrose students will:

- Create, deliver, and evaluate oral presentations that are both purposeful and ethical. **(Oral Communication)**
- Use writing effectively as a means of research, exposition, communication, and expression. **(Written Communication)**
- Use methods of mathematical inquiry to interpret data. **(Quantitative Reasoning)**
- Achieve basic proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking a second language. **(Second Language)**
- Demonstrate the skills, knowledge, and confidence to engage in physical activities. **(Health and Wellness)**
- Seek and evaluate multiple perspectives during information gathering and assessment. **(Information Literacy)**

Liberal Arts Perspectives courses are offered by departments across the College of Arts and Sciences (14-16 credits)

- So that they can better appreciate and express their own originality, St. Ambrose students will demonstrate artistic techniques through the production or performance of works of art. **(Creative Arts)**
- So that they can assess their individual roles and responsibilities in the world, St. Ambrose students will evaluate perspectives on human experiences in cultural or historical contexts. **(Humanities: History and Culture)**
- So that they can better appreciate expressions of human experiences, St. Ambrose students will analyze creative works in comics, film, literature, music, theatre, or other media. **(Humanities: Literature and Film)**
- So that they can thoughtfully evaluate scientific content and ideas, St. Ambrose students will use evidence-based reasoning to explore questions about the natural world. **(Natural Sciences)**
- So that they can navigate the world in which they live, St. Ambrose students will apply evidence-based reasoning to explain diverse human experiences. **(Social Sciences)**

Catholic Intellectual Tradition courses are offered in Philosophy and Theology (12 credits)

- So that they can develop more clear and logically coherent worldviews, St. Ambrose students will use reasoning to evaluate Philosophical arguments. **(100-200-level Philosophy courses)**
- So that they can recognize the impact belief has on engagement in the world and society, St. Ambrose students will evaluate the relationship between faith in God and just action. **(100-200-level Theology courses)**
- So that they can better understand the relationship between faith and reason, St. Ambrose students will evaluate how worldviews shape interpretation. **(Philosophy, Theology, Catholic Studies, and Justice and Peace)**
- So that they are prepared to make meaningful contributions to society and the world, St. Ambrose students will critically explore complex issues using knowledge and skills from the liberal arts and Catholic Intellectual Tradition. **(Integrated Learning, 300-level Philosophy or Theology)**

The material presented here is for informational purposes and does not substitute for the catalog. Consult the official university catalog for complete general education requirements and courses that qualify. www.sau.edu/catalog