

STUDENT CORE COMPETENCIES

Valencia's Student Core Competencies are complex abilities that are essential to lifelong success. These general competencies can be applied in many contexts and must be developed over a lifetime. They specify how learning can be expressed and assessed in practice. They enable students and faculty to set learning goals and assess learning within and across the many disciplines of human inquiry.

Think

Think clearly, critically, and creatively; Analyze, synthesize, integrate, and evaluate in many domains of human inquiry

To think, what must you do?

- analyze data, ideas, patterns, principles, and perspectives
- employ the facts, formulas, and procedures of the discipline
- integrate ideas and values from different disciplines
- draw well-supported conclusions
- revise conclusions consistent with new observations, interpretations, or reasons

How and where must you think?

- with curiosity and consistency
- individually and in groups

Value

Make reasoned value judgments and responsible commitments

To value, what must you do?

- recognize values as expressed in attitudes, choices, and commitments
- distinguish among personal, ethical, aesthetic, cultural, and scientific values
- employ values and standards of judgment from different disciplines
- evaluate your own and others' values from individual, cultural, and global perspectives
- articulate a considered and self-determined set of values

How and where must you value?

- with empathy and fair-mindedness
- individually and in groups

Communicate

Communicate with different audiences using varied means

To communicate, what must you do?

- identify your own strengths and need for improvement as a communicator
- employ methods of communication appropriate to your audience and purpose
- evaluate the effectiveness of your own and others' communication

How and where must you communicate?

- by speaking, listening, reading and writing
- verbally, non-verbally, and visually
- with honesty and civility
- in different disciplines and settings

Act

Act purposefully, reflectively, and responsibly

To act, what must you do?

- apply disciplinary knowledge, skills, and values to educational and career goals
- implement effective problem-solving, decision-making, and goal-setting strategies
- act effectively and appropriately in various personal and professional settings
- assess the effectiveness of personal behavior and choices
- respond appropriately to changing circumstances

How and where must you act?

- with courage and perseverance
- individually and in groups
- in your personal, professional, and community life