

## **UWSP General Education Program**

*Mission Statement: The General Education Program provides the framework of a liberal education, equipping students with the knowledge and skills to facilitate intellectual and personal growth, pursue their advanced studies, and improve the world in which they live.*

At UWSP, we believe that a liberal education—an education that equips students to recognize their talents and discover their potential—is essential to living in today’s global society. But global citizenship must begin at home with individuals learning to see the world from perspectives other than their own. Some of these perspectives are cultural and develop from the study of other languages, ethnicities, and beliefs. Some perspectives come from honing new intellectual skills, by learning math and science, for example, or cultivating an appreciation of the arts and literature. And some perspectives are the products of unique experiences such as getting involved in a community or studying abroad.

Ultimately, the more students are encouraged to step outside their familiar habits and beliefs, the more they gain the wisdom to see connections between themselves and the world around them, the generosity to empathize with the differences they encounter, and the willingness to place their newfound abilities in the service of a larger community. In this way, a liberal education at UWSP prepares students to be responsible global citizens.

### **GEP Learning Outcomes**

The General Education Program seeks to develop these qualities of global citizenship in four distinct ways. After completing the general education curriculum, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate quantitative, communicative, and analytical skills necessary to succeed in a rapidly changing global society.
- Demonstrate broad knowledge of the world’s peoples, cultures, and social institutions.
- Recognize the importance of personal responsibility, social equity, and environmental sustainability in managing the world’s resources.
- Apply their knowledge and skills, working in interdisciplinary ways to solve problems.

### **Curriculum**

Students will fulfill these outcomes by completing the following requirements of the General Education Program: