



INTEGRATIVE LEARNING

WHAT IS INTEGRATIVE LEARNING, AND WHY DOES IT MATTER TO MAVEd?

Integrative learning is the ability to synthesize knowledge and skills from multiple sources, disciplines, or experiences, and apply them to new, complex, or real-world situations. This is one of the three transferable learning outcomes that must be embedded in every general education course.

To fully realize this outcome, courses will typically require students to:

- **Synthesize knowledge:** by drawing connections across disciplines, weaving together concepts, skills, and experiences to develop a more holistic understanding of complex issues
- **Focus on real-world application:** by transferring knowledge into real-life setting whether personal, professional, or civic to demonstrate relevance beyond the classroom.
- **Reflect on learning:** by articulating how their learning experiences influence their beliefs, decisions, and future actions. Through reflective and adaptive thinking, they critically examine and express how what they've learned may shape their personal growth, inform professional pathways.

WHY DOES INTEGRATIVE LEARNING MATTER



Bridges the Gap Between Classroom and Life

Integrative learning empowers students to connect academic knowledge with real-world challenges, making their education more meaningful, practical, and engaging.



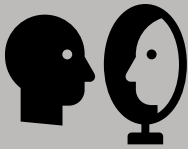
Supports Lifelong Learning

By encouraging students to draw from diverse knowledge and experiences, integrative learning prepares them to adapt and learn continuously throughout their personal and professional lives.



Fosters Deeper Understanding

When students make connections across subjects, they are more likely to retain knowledge, see broader patterns, and approach problems from multiple perspectives.



Promotes Reflection and Self-Awareness

Integrative learning includes reflective thinking, helping students better understand how their experiences, identities, and goals shape their learning and decisions.



Meets Employer Expectations

Employers increasingly seek graduates who can apply interdisciplinary thinking, adapt to new situations, and make informed decisions in uncertain or changing environments

Integrative learning equips students to make meaningful connections across disciplines, experiences, and contexts, enabling them to navigate complexity with insight and adaptability. By emphasizing real-world application and reflective thinking, it transforms general education into a powerful foundation for lifelong learning, responsible citizenship, and professional success.

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