Helena College Institutional Competencies

(1) **Communicate effectively**
The student will read with critical comprehension; write clearly and coherently; and practice effective communication skills.

(2) **Apply critical analysis and problem-solving skills**
The student will use acquired skills or methods to recognize, analyze, adapt, and apply critical thinking to solve problems and make informed decisions.

(3) **Develop quantitative literacy**
The student will be able to reason analytically and quantitatively, think critically and independently about mathematical situations, and make informed decisions that involve quantitative skills.

(4) **Apply information/technology literacy across disciplines**
The student will learn to locate needed information, managing and evaluating the extracted information and using it critically and ethically; and the student will use appropriate technology to access, manage, integrate, or create information, and/or use technology to effectively accomplish a given task.

(5) **Develop an understanding for diversity and global awareness**
The student will learn to recognize individual, group and cultural differences from and within local, national and global perspectives and contexts.

(6) **Develop practical skills through applied disciplinary learning**
The student will integrate knowledge from academic disciplines and applied programs of study into progressively more complex problems, projects, and standards of performance in a chosen discipline.

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