



Current Goals for Distributive Studies – Undergraduate Catalog

Northern Illinois University

The required minimum of 29 semester hours in the distributive studies areas (humanities and the arts, sciences and mathematics, social sciences, and interdisciplinary studies) will help students:

- attain a sound liberal education and
- acquire sufficient general knowledge and intellectual versatility to enable them to become informed and resourceful members of society
- students will be introduced to widely varied modes of thinking and points of view develop the intellectual processes, perspectives, and methodologies implicit in each discipline
- expand the student's awareness of human thought and relations conducive to the understanding and appreciation of cultural heritage
- give an appreciation of the scientific method of inquiry
- engage the student in an analysis of scientific facts and principles pertaining to the physical, biological, social, and cultural world
- impart an understanding of their implications for human welfare.