

USC Upstate General Education Competencies and SLO Statements

Competency	Learning Outcome Description
Category 1: Communication	The USC Upstate graduate should demonstrate the ability to communicate in English, both orally and in writing.
1.1 Written	Uses organization, content, credible sources, style and clear language to communicate relevant meaning appropriate to the audience.
1.2 Oral	Delivers an organized, cohesive, compelling, and credible presentation as appropriate to the audience.
Category 2: Technology & Information	The USC Upstate graduate should demonstrate the ability to use information technologies to evaluate sources of information and solve problems.
2.1 Literacy (acquisition and evaluation)	Chooses and evaluates a variety of sources appropriate to the scope and discipline of the research question.
2.2 Integration	Adapts and applies technological skills to new situations to solve problems.
Category 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Reasoning	The USC Upstate graduate should demonstrate an ability to apply the scientific method, quantitative and qualitative logical reasoning, and to integrate and critically evaluate information.
3.1 Scientific Method	Applies concepts, tools, and techniques of scientific inquiry.
3.2 Numeracy	Explains, analyzes, interprets and/or makes inferences about information presented in numerical or mathematical forms.
3.3 Critical Thinking	Employs logical techniques to determine the strengths and weaknesses of arguments.
3.4 Problem Solving	Identifies, organizes, and synthesizes relevant evidence in support of a feasible solution.
3.5 Interpretation	Organizes and synthesizes evidence to reveal insightful patterns.
Category 4: Perspective Taking	The USC Upstate graduate should demonstrate the ability to take multiple perspectives on complex subjects.
4.1 Historical	Evaluates and/or applies historical perspectives to complex subjects with attention to diverse interpretations
4.2 Political	Evaluates and/or applies political perspectives to complex subjects with attention to diverse interpretations
4.3 Artistic	Evaluates and/or applies artistic perspectives to complex subjects with attention to diverse interpretations
4.4 Intercultural	Evaluates and/or applies intercultural perspectives to complex subjects with attention to diverse interpretations
Category 5: Ethical Reasoning	The USC Upstate graduate should demonstrate the ability to apply general ethical principles to a variety of issues.
5.1 Ethics	Considers significant implications of general ethical principles as applied to specific moral issues.