Communication and Critical Thinking Outcomes
By Degree Granting Program

BBA Business
• Written and Oral Communication Skills: Writing clearly, concisely, and correctly; designing and delivering persuasive oral presentations.
• Thinking Skills: Thinking critically and analytically to evaluate organizational effectiveness, to make decisions, and to develop strategy.

Dental Hygiene
• Broad-based general education, preparing students to contribute to their profession, community, and society by communicating effectively, thinking critically and conceptually, acting ethically and valuing diversity.

Health Care Management
• Graduates will possess the interpersonal communication skills required for successful performance in the health care environment (i.e., negotiation, team building and teamwork, counseling, coaching, bargaining, and dealing with providers and consumers).
• Graduates will demonstrate advanced attainment of Clayton State University General Education Outcomes of Critical Thinking and Communication, including writing, oral communication, and computer literacy.

Music
• The ability to think, speak, and write clearly and effectively about music and other related fields that the student chooses to explore.

Nursing
• Utilize effective communication skills to promote therapeutic nurse-client interactions and good collegial relationships.
• Engage in critical thinking by using creative problem solving and making appropriate inferences, based on evidence derived from clinical practice.

BAS Program
• Students will be able to identify and describe key organizational principles and will be able to analyze business situations in a critical manner from practice gained in progressive business problem-solving situations.

Biology
• Communicate scientific information in a clear and concise manner both orally and in writing.
• Demonstrate the ability to collect, evaluate and interpret scientific data, and employ critical thinking to solve problems in biological science and supporting fields.
Information Technology
• Identify and analyze problems or opportunities in the IT realm and define requirements for addressing them when an IT solution is appropriate.
• Communicate effectively and efficiently

Criminal Justice
• Demonstrate the ability to summarize and discuss in written and oral form academic journal articles.
• Analyze and interpret the kinds of data commonly found in the criminal justice field.
• Critically evaluate existing or proposed criminal justice policies and practices.

Communication and Media Studies
• Communicate effectively in visual, written, spoken and non-verbal forms by achieving congruence in messages sent and messages received on all major levels of communication, including interpersonal, small group, large group, mediated group and mass communication.
• Demonstrate critical and analytical skills by examining fully a diverse range of messages, both mediated and non-mediated, appraising form and content of message, purpose of message, role of audience, and use of channel and practicing informed and relevant decision making when engaged in specific communication situations, particularly regarding the demands and opportunities of those situations.

CNET
• Identify and analyze problems or opportunities in the IT realm and define requirements for addressing them when an IT solution is appropriate
• Communicate effectively and efficiently.

Computer Science
• Be able to solve complex and significant problems with professional skill, by formulating efficient and effective algorithmic solutions to a wide variety of sophisticated problems normally encountered in real-world computing and in academe.
• Be able to express algorithms clearly and correctly in a variety of programming languages.

English
• Analyze the ways in which language and literature are related to class, culture, ethnicity, gender, histories, race, and sexuality.
• Produce a variety of materials, including oral presentations, for a range of rhetorical contexts.
• Conduct effective research and writing as it relates to the field of English studies, by using a variety of technological and information sources.
Health and Fitness Management
• Collect and analyze data concerning an individual’s medical history, conduct baseline fitness testing and make appropriate decisions concerning the design of an exercise program; further, recognize the need for medical clearance/referral.
• Integrate critical thinking strategies with a theoretical knowledge base in health and fitness, business, the liberal arts, and physical and behavioral sciences to make decisions which promote health and facilitate caring for self, client, and society.
• Integrate critical thinking strategies with a theoretical knowledge base in health and fitness to make decisions that promote health.
• Provide planned educational services using appropriate interpersonal communication skills, educational strategies, and computer techniques to promote optimal physical, mental, and emotional health and fitness programs.

History
• Identify and critically evaluate primary and secondary historical sources.
• Identify and evaluate conflicting historical interpretations of events and personalities.
• Write in a clear, analytical and organized manner, demonstrating appropriate professional documentation methods.

Integrative Studies
• Demonstrate advanced critical thinking skills at levels required for effective performance in professional and other social or cultural contexts.
• Demonstrate advanced communication skills (written, spoken, computer-assisted) at levels required for effective performance in professional and other social or cultural contexts

Legal Studies
• Identify and analyze practical and theoretical legal issues and prepare legal documents
• Utilize technology to prepare legal documents (B.S. degree, A.A.S. degree, and Certificate)

Liberal Studies
• Demonstrate advanced critical thinking skills at levels required for effective performance in professional and other social or cultural contexts.
• Demonstrate advanced communication skills (written, spoken, computer-assisted) at levels required for effective performance in professional and other social or cultural contexts
Mathematics
- Mathematics majors at CSU will be able to apply critical thinking skills to solve problems that can be modeled mathematically.
- Mathematics majors at CSU will be able to critically interpret numerical and graphical data.
- Mathematics majors at CSU will be able to communicate a depth and breadth of mathematical knowledge, both orally and in writing.

Political Science
- Research and compose a project report in a subfield of political science.
- Explain and criticize U.S. political institutions and processes.

Psychology
- Evaluate research critically and apply research methodologies used in psychology.
- Communicate effectively and professionally both orally and in writing.

Sociology
- Graduates of the program will be able to examine the impact of race, ethnicity, class, gender, and sexual orientation within social institutions.
- Graduates of the program will be able to apply the critical thinking skills needed to pursue post baccalaureate degrees or careers in sociology-related fields.

Theatre
- Demonstrate competent communication skills in one or more of the following areas: creating new theatre work, acting, directing, and playwriting.
- Assess and employ theatrical concepts in decision-making and critical aesthetic judgments.