

The Potsdam Graduate Learning Outcomes

The Potsdam faculty believes that the Potsdam Graduate must be an *educated person* who can thrive in, find success with and provide leadership in our complex, ambiguous, and mutable world.

Skills of a Potsdam Graduate:

- **The ability to judge, appraise and evaluate, in matters ethical, aesthetic, empirical and logical,**
- **The ability to reason analytically, formally, symbolically and quantitatively,**
- **The ability to solve problems by creative synthesis of knowledge,**
- **The ability to organize thought and communicate in written and oral form,**
- **The ability to communicate in a second language.**

Knowledge of a Potsdam Graduate:

- **A knowledge of the heritage of Western civilization, including major artistic, scientific, technological, philosophical and social developments,**
- **A knowledge of a non-Western culture and an understanding of the interaction of cultures,**
- **A knowledge of the natural and physical world,**
- **A knowledge of the forms and currents in twentieth century arts and philosophy,**
- **A knowledge of twentieth century social institutions,**
- **A knowledge of how language permits communication, shapes thought and changes through time.**

Experiences of a Potsdam Graduate:

- **An experience of creativity or performance in the arts,**
- **An experience of the way science generates, organizes and verifies knowledge,**
- **An experience using a computer in an academic setting to facilitate learning.**

How will your academic career prepare you to be a Potsdam Graduate?

Within the moral, intellectual, and social atmosphere of the College, the curriculum is central. Your curriculum is ideally an integrated whole consisting of three components:

- **the general education program, which provides a foundation of skills, knowledge, and experiences for learning;**
- **a major* that permits disciplined study of a particular body of knowledge;**
- **and electives that shape learning to individual ambitions, needs and future visions.**

***Note: When you declare your major, you will receive an academic supplement from that department that describes in detail the requirements for that major.**