

**MCLA**  
***Proposed Objectives and Outcomes for Tier III Capstone course***

OBJECTIVES: It is our expectation that students will integrate their knowledge from several disciplines, applying their academic learning and critical thinking skills to modern-day issues. In the process, they will be encouraged to become engaged citizens, working with others to make a difference in their communities.

OUTCOMES. Students are expected to:

1. Acquire and evaluate information from multiple and varied information sources.
2. Connect academic learning to applications within the context of local and/or global communities.
3. Investigate and analyze complex problems/issues and draw reasonable conclusions, providing comprehensive support for those conclusions
4. Effectively communicate ideas, solutions, and plans through a variety of media.
5. Work effectively in collaboration with fellow students and/or community entities to create a product that demonstrates the student has met outcomes 1-4. Faculty are encouraged to explore options in community-based learning for projects, but any final product which shows the student has connected academic learning and critical thinking skills with problems in the context of today's world would meet this outcome.

PRELIMINARY RUBRICS

***Acquire and evaluate information from multiple and varied information sources***

Students should be able to:

- Access multiple sources, such internet sources, journals, books, individual interviews, data sets, etc.
- Evaluate credibility and understand underlying biases of sources
- Organize a comprehensive, interdisciplinary collection of credible sources that support students' positions and offer challenges to those positions
- Formulate an integrated framework of information from collected sources

***Connect academic learning to applications within the context of local and/or global communities***

Students should be able to:

- Use collected sources, previous learning, and life experience to address modern issues that citizens on the local, national, or global level must deal with today

***Investigate and analyze complex problems/issues, draw reasonable conclusions, and provide comprehensive support for those conclusions***

Students should be able to:

- Demonstrate innovative and coherent interpretations, perspectives, and applications of acquired information
- Develop and defend a position while considering alternative positions

***Effectively communicate ideas, solutions, and plans through a variety of media.***

Students should be able to:

- Effectively and professionally communicate in oral and written modes
- Utilize appropriate information technology in presentations

***Work effectively in collaboration with fellow students and/or community entities to create a product that demonstrates the students have met outcomes 1-4.***

Students should be able to:

- Demonstrate ability to be an integral part of team and show leadership where appropriate
- Demonstrate systematic progress toward completion of collaborative project