General Education Core
What if YOU did the hiring?

• Imagine yourself as the head or CEO of a company/firm/hospital/school/organization

• What SKILLS and KNOWLEDGE would you want in an employee?
What Employers Want

Hart Research Associates, 2013; survey conducted on behalf of the American Association of Colleges and Universities

- Critical thinking and analytic reasoning
- Complex problem solving
- Written and oral communication
- Innovation and creativity
- Teamwork skills in diverse groups
- Problem solving in diverse settings
- Ethical decision making

- Global issues and knowledge about societies and cultures outside the US
- Knowledge about science and technology
- Direct experiences with community
- Civic knowledge, skills, and judgment essential for contributing to the community and to our democratic society
Two Types of Courses

• Courses for your major

• General Education Courses
Maximize Your Opportunities

- Mean earnings of math skill quintiles
- Mean earnings of speaking quintiles
- Mean earnings of judgement and decision making quintiles
- Mean earnings of writing quintiles
UMKC General Education Core

Designed to build students' capacity for intellectual inquiry and discovery, critical reasoning and effective communication. These skills help them become lifelong learners and find success in their chosen fields.

- Communication Skills
- Technology and Information Literacy
- Scientific Reasoning and Quantitative Analysis
- Arts and Humanities
- Interdisciplinary and Innovative Thinking
- Culture and Diversity
- Human Actions, Values and Ethics
- Civic and Community Engagement
93% agree that “a candidate’s demonstrated capacity to think critically, communicate clearly, and solve complex problems is *more important* than their undergraduate major.”
Assessing Your Progress Across the Curriculum

Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement Examination – Online assessment of knowledge of the United States Constitution, the United States Bill of Rights, governmental institutions, historical manifestations of federalism, and history of constitutional interpretation and amendments

Roo Writer – Online assessment of advanced writing skills prior to enrollment of Discourse III