



# Essential Skill 7: Engage in civic life to improve society.

**Graduates will engage in political, social, and other activities to address issues that benefit society.**

<b>Benchmark</b> College entry	<b>Milestone</b> End of 2 years of college	<b>Capstone</b> Bachelor's degree completion
Respectfully discusses basic ideas related to public policy and the social good, expressing one's own opinions and acknowledging those of others.	Engages with others who represent diverse perspectives on public policy and the social good through active listening, clear and responsive dialogue, and collaboration.	Assesses fact-based dimensions of community-based problems to generate solutions that reflect multiple needs and perspectives by engaging with others and credible resources.
Articulates knowledge of democratic principles and the impact of individual and community involvement in American government (both historical and current).	Leverages knowledge of the impact of the civic participation of individuals and communities on public policy to plan for social action.	Collaborates to engage community stakeholders in civic action that targets appropriate levers for civic change.
Describes opportunities for individuals or groups to engage in civic life to bring about positive change.	Presents persuasive arguments for social action initiatives based on reflection and analysis of personal experiences, observation, and outside knowledge or perspectives.	Tailors communications to elicit support for civic action in response to the needs, interests, and/or potential contributions of different audiences, integrating reflection on the impacts of that action.