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Proposed Mission Statement

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The General Education Program is the cornerstone of undergraduate education at the University of Florida. With over x number of courses, it facilitates exploration in the biological and physical sciences, composition, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and mathematics. General education also offers learning experiences across and beyond disciplines that teach students fundamental competencies and how to use knowledge for the social good. The mission of General Education is to empower students to think profoundly, question critically, challenge injustice and inequity in all their forms, and use their education for sustainable social change on a local, national, and global level. The General Education program aims to teach students an appreciation for humanity across lived experiences by centering diversity, inclusivity, justice, anti-racism, and equity for all through an intersectional lens.

General Education prepares students for lifelong success by:

- Offering the fundamentals of all fields of knowledge that will serve as the groundwork for students' learning and success in every path they follow in life.
- Developing analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Making academic knowledge into a lived experience by teaching ways to apply learning to everyday life.
- Enhancing students' appreciation of diverse intellectual, social, cultural, and lived experiences on their way to being citizens of the world.
- Developing civic mindedness.
- Pursuing reflective living.
- Addressing and combating racism and injustice in all their forms.