

# University Mission

Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides quality educational and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs by cultivating ethical leadership and service, critical thinking and fiscal responsibility.

## General Education Mission

The undergraduate general education program at Northwestern Oklahoma State University provides a foundation for diverse learners in all academic programs. The general education curriculum fosters student development in literacy, critical thinking, and ethical leadership that lead to productive careers and citizenship.

### Student Learning Outcomes

As a result of study in the general education curriculum at Northwestern, students will achieve the following learning outcomes in literacy, critical thinking, and ethical leadership.

#### **Literacy.** Students will

1. solve problems using appropriate mathematical skills.
2. demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills.
3. display skill in effective personal financial planning and money management.
4. explain principles of mental and physical wellness.
5. solve problems or explain principles in nature through scientific relationships
6. explain the scope and value of human diversity.
7. articulate how the arts lead to enhancing the human experience.

#### **Critical Thinking.** Students will

1. demonstrate effective inquiry, reasoning, and analysis related to important problems and issues.
2. gather, analyze, and communicate information effectively.
3. solve problems using well-informed decision-making processes.

#### **Ethical Leadership.** Students will

1. demonstrate knowledge of civic responsibility and engagement.
2. apply principles of ethical reasoning and decision making.
3. collaborate with others in achievement of defined goals.