



MISSION

University Studies (UNST) is the interdisciplinary general education curriculum of North Carolina Agricultural and State University and provides the intellectual foundation for the University's degree-granting programs. Its goal is to provide students with a framework for critical inquiry that serves as a foundation for continuing academic development and life-long learning. Motivated by the principle that scholarship is best learned by the way it is practiced, University Studies applies discovery, inquiry, analysis, and application in the classroom to promote:

- broad-based critical-thinking skills,
- effective written and oral communication of ideas,
- appreciation for diverse cultures, and
- commitment to ongoing civic engagement and social responsibility.

Through coursework and co-curricular experiences, the University Studies core curriculum develops in students an understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of knowledge, encourages cross-disciplinary dialogue, and promotes the development of intentional learners who take responsibility for their learning.

- [The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Speaks on Critical Thinking](#)

ACCREDITATION

The general education program is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic honesty is absolutely essential. Cheating, plagiarism, sharing of clickers or other academic misconduct will not be tolerated. If student(s) are caught cheating, he/she will not pass the course and will be subject to any and all penalties specified in the student honor code.

ATTENDANCE

University Studies strives to professionalize its students; therefore, regular attendance and punctuality are mandatory in all UNST courses. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. Tardiness will not be tolerated. **Doors to the classroom will be closed ten minutes after class begins. Students arriving after that point will have been marked absent. Students having four unexcused absences will automatically receive an "F" for the course.** Absent or tardy students are responsible for any missed class work, including any changes to the syllabus or assignments announced in class. In short, absences and tardiness can/will diminish your grade. If you suffer prolonged illness or misfortune, you should consider dropping the course. Persistent tardiness and failure to observe established classroom etiquette will lead to failure of the course. Student athletes must submit a schedule of days they will be absent within the first week of classes.

COURSE MATERIALS

Books

Serious scholarship requires procurement of essential course materials. Students will purchase all books and materials required for UNST courses within the first two weeks of the semester. Sharing of books thereafter is prohibited.