General Education Goal: Communicating Effectively

Glossary:

- **adapts** – modifies, adjusts
- **aim** – purpose, goal
- **analyzes** – breaks into component parts and identifies their relationships
- **approach** – attitude of the composer regarding the aim
- **assumptions** – unstated, implied predispositions, principles, warrants
- **audience** – receiver of the message
- **awareness** – cognition
- **background** – predisposition, preferences, prejudices, experiences
- **concepts** – ideas identified as relevant to the topic and aim; abstractions
- **connects** – draws links between
- **content** – what is being communicated, selected evidence, substance
- **context** – elements (e.g., historical, social, political, cultural) that affect the message
- **conventions** – expected format, structure, technique
- **defines** – identifies, describes, limits
- **delivery** – manner of expression
- **develops** – provides substance and scope
- **direction** – path for developing the message
- **discovery** – exploration of available resources, identification of applicable information
- **diverse** – disparate, various
- **documentation** – record of evidence, citation of sources; citation style
- **engagement** – connection, involvement
- **evaluates** – makes judgments based on criteria
- **explores** – examines, scrutinizes
- **higher order value** – able to weigh stronger and weaker priorities
- **historical** – socio-political-economic-cultural past
- **information sources** – resources from which evidence and support are drawn
- **insight** – revelation, epiphany, unexpected connection
- **integrates** – organizes and combines information
- **interprets** – identifies meaning or significance
- **maintains** – provides consistency
- **mechanics** – punctuation, grammar, documentation, logistics, medium
- **message** – totality of communication, claims, controlling ideas, main points, guiding principles
- **mode of communication** – manner of delivery
- **open mind** – receptivity, lack of bias
- **organizes** – places in an order
- **perspective** – viewpoint, frame of reference
- **presents** – delivers
- **receptive** – willing to explore without prejudice
- **reflects on** – thinks about, considers
- **relevant** – apt, useful, pertinent
- **reveals** – uncovers, exposes
- **scope** – boundaries, range
- **selects** – chooses among possibilities
- **situation** – exigence of immediate concern, circumstances
- **tone** – affective quality of the message
- **uses** – employs, accesses
- **valuable** – important, of worth
- **viewpoints** – perspectives