Cal Poly does not have explicit learning outcomes for the GE program.

...we suggest that faculty consider developing a short set of program-wide outcomes...

## What do we currently have...?

GE Focused Learning Objectives (GEFLOs)

| 1. disciplinary knowledge       | 6. problem solving/scientific inquiry |
| 2. critical thinking            | 7. psychological/physical health     |
| 3. aesthetic appreciation       | 8. ethics                             |
| 4. writing                      | 9. global awareness/cultural citizenry |
| 5. oral communication           | 10. integrative learning              |

**BUT** (GEFLOs) are not performative; they are not stated learning expectations for students in the program.
What do we currently have...?
Area Educational Outcomes & Criteria (related to courses)

1. 5 Content Areas (A, B, C, etc.)
2. 20 Sub Areas (A1, A2, etc.)
3. approximately 53 Educational Outcomes
4. approximately 127 Criteria

• **BUT** these are course related, both in construction and output; they are not stated learning expectations for students in the program
Moving forward toward implementing GE Program Learning Outcomes

...if PLOs state expectations for all students successfully completing an academic program.

...and if GE is an academic program (EO 1065).

• What are our learning expectations for students completing GE at Cal Poly?
Cal Poly’s General Education Program
MISSION STATEMENT

The General Education Program is one of the primary sites for realizing Cal Poly's vision of a comprehensive polytechnic education. The program promotes an understanding and appreciation of the foundational disciplines that ground all intellectual inquiry. It enriches the specialized knowledge acquired in a major program with an understanding of its scientific, humanistic, artistic, and technological contexts. The program imparts knowledge and transferable skills, fosters critical thinking and ethical decision making, supports integrative learning, and prepares students for civic engagement and leadership.
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PROGRASM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLOs)

Critical and creative thinking (ULO #1)

Construct and critique arguments from a logical perspective (GEPLO #1)

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PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLOs)

Effective communication (ULO #2)

Make a rhetorical connection with diverse audiences by developing appropriate (e.g. oral, written, visual) modes of communication (GEPLO #2)

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PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLOs)

Disciplinary expertise (in context) (ULO #3)

Develop disciplinary knowledge, skills, and values in mathematics, arts, letters and sciences to help solve real-world problems (GEPLO #3)

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Self efficacy and collaboration (ULO #4)

Understand the value of a general education in relation to a major course of study (GEPLO #4)
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PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLOs)

Social responsibility (ULO #5)

Collaborate with people of different backgrounds, values, and experiences (GEPLO #5)

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PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLOs)

Reasonable decision-making (in relation to shared values) (ULO #6)

Evaluate global and local issues and their impact on society (GEPLO #6)

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PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLOs)

Lifelong learning  (ULO #7)

Use intention and reflection to develop and improve one’s own learning  (GEPLO #7)