

**Cognitive and Ethical Outcomes for
Texas Christian University Undergraduate Students**
Texas Christian University – Institutional Priorities

When they receive their degree, all TCU undergraduates should be able to demonstrate the following:

Knowledge and Ability to Act as a Learner Informed by the Liberal Arts, including

- Thinking critically using tools from literature, the humanities, fine arts, mathematics, and the natural and social sciences
- Drawing reasoned conclusions using complex information from a variety of sources
- Applying theoretical and practical knowledge to novel situations
- Demonstrating an ability and willingness to learn in response to the challenges posed by a diverse and evolving society
- Using appropriate methods of inquiry to analyze important natural, social, and human phenomena
- Influencing others through effective written, spoken, or artistic expression

Knowledge and Ability to Act as an Ethical Leader, including:

- Solving problems by attending to the unique goals, needs, and expertise of others
- Articulating a coherent leadership style and philosophy
- Being aware of the personal and interpersonal complexities of change, and demonstrating the ability to initiate, evaluate, and manage change
- Employing core knowledge from a discipline of choice to develop and demonstrate an enhanced capacity for effective leadership

Knowledge and Ability to Act as a Responsible Citizen, including:

- Demonstrating informed participation in civic discourse and decision-making at local and global levels
- Participating in organizational or civic systems of governance
- Recognizing the unfair, unjust, or uncivil behaviors of individuals or groups and the duty to challenge them appropriately
- Participating in service or volunteer activities
- Understanding the economic, political, and ecological implications of private decisions and public policies
- Understanding and enacting practices to promote personal and public health
- Managing time effectively in order to accomplish goals

Knowledge and Ability to Act as an Ethical Participant in the Global Community, including:

- Demonstrating the ability to generate informed opinions on global issues
- Appreciating the interconnectedness of society, culture, and individual identity
- Knowing and understanding the impact of world religions and cultures
- Engaging with other perspectives and cultures with reason and respect
- Participating in diverse cultural activities
- Articulating the advantages and challenges of a cosmopolitan society