A FOCUS ON LITERACY

The Center for Excellence in Learning aims to improve student learning by providing literacy-enriched experiences, a collaborative and engaging environment inside and outside the classroom, and expanded mentoring opportunities.

The project will target the core competencies of Information Literacy, Critical Thinking, Communication Literacy, Cross-Cultural Literacy, and Quantitative Literacy.

Within the newly-formed Center, four areas will be developed:

1. Re-imagining the freshman experience
2. Transforming the learning experience
3. Advancing literacy to mastery through a culture of learning and mentoring
4. Developing experience and expertise beyond the classroom

KEY ELEMENTS OF OUR QEP

1. Enhanced New Student Orientation focused on promoting a culture of learning on campus
2. Improved student learning support for increased literacy in all its forms: verbal, quantitative, information technology, and cross-cultural
3. Increased mentoring activities – both peer-to-peer mentoring and faculty-student mentoring
4. Enhanced lower division classes with increased emphasis on disciplinary literacies and critical thinking
5. New opportunities for undergraduate research
6. Increased opportunities for “outside the classroom” learning experiences including service learning and study abroad