Overview

IDS 2110, Connections, is an interdisciplinary course that allows students to synthesize key components of their general education experience. Based on the selected topics approach, the course builds upon the general education intended outcomes and the cluster intended outcomes to summarize major points in the body of knowledge that were acquired while students participated in the general education curriculum.

Sections in the course are designed by the instructors, and they may involve research, the application of theoretical models, and/or the use of learned skills. The prerequisite for students is that they must have completed at least 45 credit hours in the AA program, including at least 25 hours of general education coursework with a minimum grade of “C.”

Students receive a “satisfactory/unsatisfactory” in the Connections course, with the passing grade being based upon participation and completion of the assignments. The “satisfactory/unsatisfactory” grade is the only assessment at the individual student level because the primary intent of the course is to assess the general education program rather than the individual student, although students are expected to exit the course with advanced understanding of and appreciation for their general education curriculum.

With regard to assessment, the primary intent of the Connections course is to be a measure of the effectiveness of HCC’s general education program. Faculty who teach Connections sections must address their overall student performance in the sections, as described below.