Texas A&M University

Marketable Skills

Program:	University Studies – Society, Ethics and Law
Degree:	BA
Department:	Philosophy & Humanities
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Outcome	Master the depth of knowledge required for a degree
Marketable	 Demonstrating mastery of relevant texts.
Skills	 Locating relevant information through independent research.
	 Constructing valid arguments and defend their premises.
	 Using multiple methodologies to investigate the relationships among social,
	moral and legal issues.

Outcome	Demonstrate critical thinking
Marketable	 Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of
Skills	alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.
	 Identifying and questioning assumptions and framing problems in multiple ways.
	 Applying principles and rules to specific cases and sorting through evidence. Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.
	 Being comfortable in the face of ambiguity, subtle differences, problems with multiple solutions and problems with no solutions.

Outcome	Communicate effectively
Marketable Skills	 Communicating information and ideas in speaking and writing so others will understand.
	 Distinguishing between essential and non-essential information, and organizing information into coherent, systematic lines of thought.
	 Adapting communication techniques for different audiences with different disciplinary backgrounds.
	 Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.

Outcome	Practice personal and social responsibility
Marketable	 Working independently, taking initiative and managing one's own time.
Skills	 Taking responsibility for one's beliefs, words and actions.
	 Articulating values and reasons supporting those values.

Outcome	Demonstrate social, cultural, and global competencies

Marketable	 Anticipating and appreciating other points of views.
Skills	 Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.
	 Recognizing the connections between specific events and larger social forces.
	 Distinguishing among moral, social, political, and legal aspects of issues and
	problems and responding appropriately.

Outcome	Prepare to engage in life-long learning
Marketable	 Recognizing the limits of one's current knowledge and methodologies.
Skills	 Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future
	problem-solving and decision-making.
	 Nurturing curiosity and creativity in oneself and others.

Outcome	Work collaboratively
Marketable	 The ability to work with and motivate others.
Skills	 Adapting when confronted with new or contradictory points of view.
	 Identifying common ground and reconciling differences.