Mission Statement: UCA’s Essential Core empowers students to become lifelong learners with the knowledge and skills necessary for thoughtful inquiry, effective communication and collaboration with others, and responsible living in a diverse and rapidly changing global context.

UCA’s Essential Core (Summary)

Essentials of Inquiry:
Students will learn to
> use scientific, quantitative, and computational knowledge to ask critical questions in order to solve real-life problems;
> analyze their own cultural assumptions in the context of the diversity in values, traditions, and beliefs that exist in the world;
> evaluate the major ideas, techniques, and processes that inform creative works within different cultural and historical contexts.

Essentials of Effective Communication:
Students will learn to
> develop and present ideas logically and effectively.

Essentials of Responsible Living:
Students will learn to
> describe the ways ethical principles affect human choices;
> analyze the effect one’s decisions have on self and others;
> evaluate and practice strategies leading to individual and social health.