



OUR HUSKY COMPACT

ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

Our Husky Compact embodies the essential and cross-cutting attributes of a St. Cloud State University education that we value as a community. It is a commitment we make to our students and students make to their education that will set them apart and prepare them to be global citizens of the 21st century.

Underpinning Our Husky Compact is the belief that we develop these attributes over time and across and beyond the curriculum. Intellectual and personal growth occurs as we are exposed to both broad and specialized knowledge and have the opportunity to apply what they have learned outside of the classroom—through research, service and community-based learning, internships, learning communities, collaborative experiences — in the communities in which they live and work. We recognize that we all exist in an environment of complexity, diversity and change. Lifelong growth and development along the dimensions of Our Husky Compact will prepare all members of the SCSU community to reconsider the world around them and discover and apply new solutions to challenges and opportunities they encounter in their professional and personal lives through risk-taking, innovation and imagination.

When students graduate with an SCSU education, they will:

- **Think Creatively and Critically**
- **Seek and Apply Knowledge**
- **Communicate Effectively**
- **Integrate Existing and Evolving Technologies**
- **Engage as a Member of a Diverse and Multicultural World**
- **Act with Personal Integrity and Civic Responsibility**

Think Creatively and Critically

- Demonstrate intellectual inquiry and curiosity characterized by innovation, divergent thinking, and risk taking.
- Reason analytically
- Find, evaluate, and communicate substantive information
- Engage multiple perspectives
- Synthesize existing ideas, images, or expertise in new combinations to achieve imaginative solutions
- Appreciate the intrinsic value of creative pursuits

Seek and Apply Knowledge

- Develop broad knowledge and understanding of the human experience and physical and natural worlds
- Pursue expertise in a discipline
- Integrate and apply knowledge and experience across disciplines in both broad and specialized settings
- Seek new knowledge through varied pathways of discovery
- Identify gaps in knowledge and seek out new information

Communicate Effectively

- Use multiple channels and modes to effectively communicate information and ideas
- Assess diverse contexts and understand how we shape and are shaped by them
- Communicate across systems and cultures and to adapt to diverse contexts and audiences
- Recognize the ethical implications of our communication

Integrate Existing and Evolving Technologies

- Critically evaluate technology and its impact on society
- Effectively use and integrate general and discipline-appropriate technologies
- Gain the confidence and skills to embrace and use technology now and in the future
- Recognize the ethical implications of technology

Engage as a Member of a Diverse and Multicultural World

- Understand the diverse influences on one's personal identity
- Develop intercultural competency, understanding and an appreciation for commonalities and differences
- Recognize and value diverse perspectives and the interdependence among communities, locally and globally
- Critically analyze multiple worldviews, systems and power structures to understand their implications for people's lives and our sustainable future
- Integrate diverse perspectives to address significant local and global problems collaboratively and equitably

Act with Personal Integrity and Civic Responsibility

- Cultivate self-awareness and personal and civic identity
- Nurture communities that enhance the well-being of self, others, and the environment
- Work to make a difference in the civic life of our communities
- Exercise informed and responsible action to address ethical, societal and environmental challenges
- Develop as a leader and collaborator
- Empower self and others through service, leadership, and participation in change
- Continue to learn, grow and strive for healthy balance in an ever-changing world