

Habits of Mind

Based on experience and research from several collaborative groups of writing professors (across the country), eight habits of mind have been identified as essential for success in college writing.

At GCC, we encourage all students to develop these habits of mind in our courses:

Engagement

a sense of investment and involvement in learning

Curiosity

the desire to know more about the world

Openness

the willingness to consider new ways of being and thinking in the world

Creativity

the ability to use novel approaches for generating, investigating, and representing ideas

Persistence

the ability to sustain interest in and attention to short and long-term projects

Responsibility

the ability to take ownership of one's actions and understand the consequences of those actions for oneself and others

Flexibility

the ability to adapt to situations, expectations, or demands

Metacognition

the ability to reflect on one's own thinking, as well as on the individual and cultural processes used to structure knowledge



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