

EMU Core

At Eastern Mennonite University we engage learning through combining the life of the mind and the heart and the hands of a servant - a liberal arts education put into action. Our mission statement embraces these ideals:

EMU prepares students to serve and lead in a global context. Our community of learning integrates Christian faith, academic rigor, artistic creation, and reflective practice informed by the liberal arts, interdisciplinary engagement, and cross-cultural encounter.

To that end, the EMU Core, our general education program at Eastern Mennonite University, is a call to action through active learning in the liberal arts emphasizing engaging faith, peacebuilding, creation care, experiential learning, and cross-cultural participation.

Creative arts and humanities invite our students to examine and make meaning of their complex world. An understanding of social and behavioral sciences allows our students to explore the world of human diversity. Knowledge of the natural sciences and mathematics encourages students to employ skills in investigation leading to effective action. In today's world, with rapid technological changes, cultural shifts, and an information explosion, college graduates need to know how to learn, unlearn, and relearn.

The kinds of work our graduates may be doing in the future cannot even be imagined today. As a faith-based university committed to following God as revealed through scripture and the way of Jesus, we offer study in the liberal arts informed by the Anabaptist Mennonite faith. It is through such an education that our future generations will be equipped to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God" as they serve and lead in a global context.

EMU Core Learning Outcomes

Christian Faith: Students will articulate Christian approaches, explain Anabaptist faith traditions, and recognize expressions of these approaches and traditions in contemporary life.

Communication: Students will enhance successful interpersonal collaboration by developing effective communication skills through written, oral, aural, visual, and technological forms.

Cross-Cultural Learning: Students will develop a critical awareness of themselves and others in local and global contexts.

Critical Thinking: Students will serve and lead in a global context by applying integrative learning, ethical reasoning, and problem-solving in the liberal arts.