

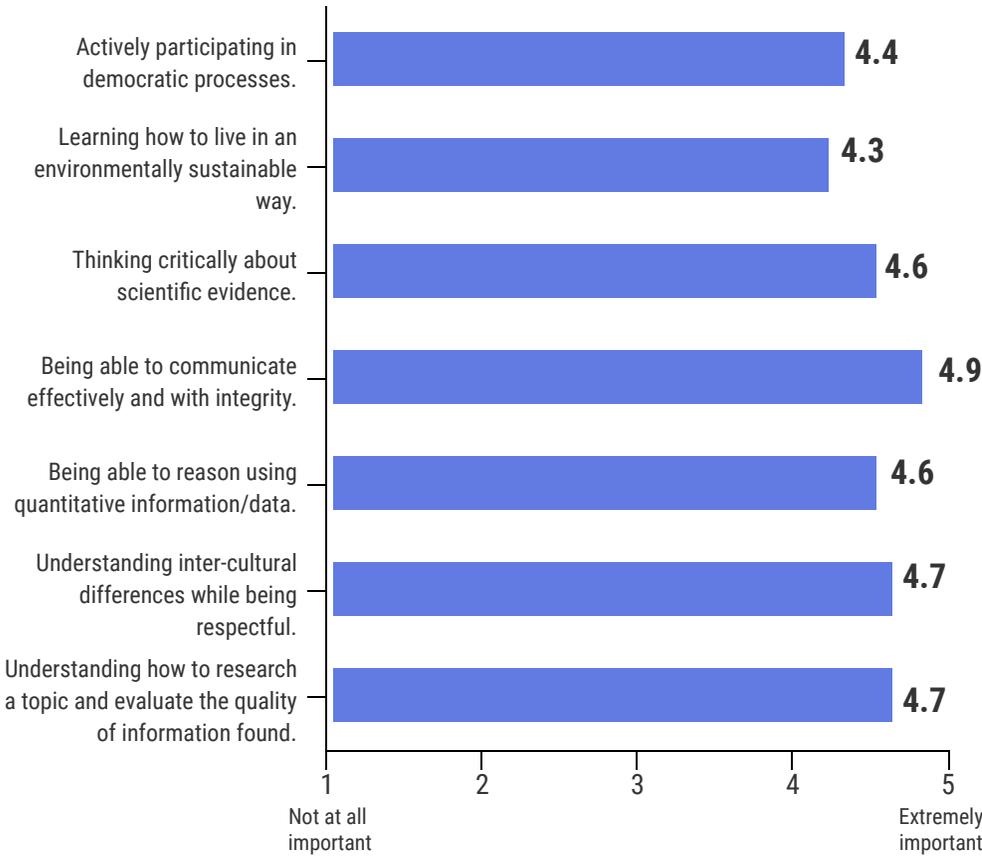


Looking to the Future: Survey Highlights

Based on 215 Alumni Voices

CORE STUDY QUESTION: *What do current and future Berea College students need to learn to be successful and contribute to society in the mid-21st century?*

Rate the importance of the following common learning goals of general education for all students.



Top Suggested
New Academic
Disciplines/Majors

- Environmental/Sustainability Studies
- Engineering
- Cybersecurity
- Artificial Intelligence
- Public Health/Health Informatics
- Water Resources Management
- Geriatric Studies
- Conflict Resolution

Top Suggested Certifications/Work Experiences That Could Be Tied to Majors

- Athletic Trainer/Health and Human Performance Majors
- CPA/Business-Finance Majors
- Art Gallery Work/Art Majors
- CNA/Nursing Majors
- Work with Social Agencies/Sociology and Psychology Majors

Most common suggestions for: subjects/courses (not currently in general education curriculum) that should be part of overall education that will help contribute to society, family, and career.

Personal Financial Literacy/Finance

Personal Ethics/Philosophy

Other critical experiences needed:

...understanding of the origins of the universe and life as we know it - impact of natural changes. Applied science and impact on future generations - physical and ethical.

Real life skills such as, budgeting, business, economy, cooking, baking & nutrition, handyman basics.

Experience in communicating credibly, truthfully, expertly and effectively... Experience in effectively evaluating information from a broad range of communication sources, including interpersonal, mass media, and social media.

The ability to adapt to changes in their lives and careers... To have a good understanding of the past and how it affects our perception of the present day. That learning and acquiring knowledge is a lifelong pursuit that isn't limited to their college experience.

Understanding that the world we live in is driven by different forces, including social media and the loss of brick and mortar retail, with a particular understanding of personal finance, investing, and business demands.

I feel that many young people and the families they come from, do not know enough about nutrition and how to live a healthy life, Berea College may offer the last chance they have to obtain this knowledge. And if they learn how to do this they can pass it on to their children and break a chain of ignorance in this area.