

# GC JOURNEYS



*As a community, we asked ourselves about the bottom line – what attributes would we like our graduates to possess?*

## **WE DETERMINED THAT GEORGIA COLLEGE GRADUATES SHOULD BE:**

- curious, critical and creative problem-solvers
- ethical, reflective, and engaged citizens
- skilled communicators
- service-oriented leaders and professionals who are dedicated to excellence

## **THE GOALS:**

- Graduates will possess these attributes at a significant level.
- Graduates will be truly transformed by their time with us.
- Georgia College will be recognized as a preeminent institution with a distinctive liberal arts curriculum.

## **GC JOURNEYS IS:**

An initiative to offer GC students unique and transformative education to help you grow as a person and a student. These experiences are part of your journey at GC.

## **The Transformative Experiences all students will take:**

-  The First-Year Experience (FYE) Career
-  Planning Milestones
-  A Capstone Course in the major

## **Personalize your journey by taking 2 of the following**

- Study Abroad/Study Away
- Community-based Engaged Learning
- Intensive Leadership Experiences
- Mentored Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors
- Internships

Talk to your Academic Advisor for more information



## IN SUPPORT OF THESE THREE COMPONENTS WE WILL:

- ▶ Gather meaningful data that we are all actually interested in examining and that allows us a) to ensure what we are doing is working and also b) to consistently improve.
- ▶ Empower the “Liberal Arts Council” (LAC) to ensure that this initiative doesn’t get lost in the shuffle as key personnel come and go. Other roles of the LAC would be a) to ensure that Journeys-related work is highly valued in annual review and P&T and b) to ensure that those initiatives that are working well and are embraced by the GC community remain in place and continue to be improved and supported while ensuring that the university isn’t overrun by initiative after initiative resulting in the dreaded “initiative fatigue.”

## WHY DO THIS?

- ▶ Because it is what is needed to graduate agile thinkers who are truly prepared for whatever life presents.
- ▶ Because it is likely to have important side effects such as increasing student retention and attracting and retaining faculty as great as those already committed to this institution.
- ▶ Because we know that every once in a while, it is important to reinvigorate ourselves, our students, and the institution as a whole.