

# Educational Framework

## I. Introduction

Calvin's educational framework names college-wide goals that ground the college's curricular and co-curricular activities. It attempts to answer the question, "What are the enduring characteristics or qualities of thinking, doing, and being that mark a Calvin graduate?" The educational framework, derived from the [college mission](#), articulates a frame that ensures coherent, holistic programs and practices in which students learn and develop.

The Educational Framework is a "no-frills," functional document. It does not duplicate or expand on the primary documents of the college (

), which beautifully articulate the college's foundational commitments to liberal arts education, a Reformed tradition, and matters of racial justice, reconciliation, and cross-cultural engagement. Rather, the educational framework emerges from the college's foundational documents and commitments. These provide coherence and meaning to the educational framework.

The all-college goals identified for a Calvin graduate will direct conversations about how these goals will be developed, implemented, and assessed—through the core, at department and program levels, and in the co-curriculum. The specific work of outcome development and alignment, however, is best left to the community, over time.

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Deep, Broad, Engaged

rigorous, open-minded, and disciplined learning leads to understanding, wisdom, and wonder, which glorifies God.

a broad study of the liberal arts in a [core curriculum](#) develops essential knowledge, skills, and virtues.

effective methods of in-depth study and research in [majors](#) and minors enable discovery of knowledge and enhancement of skills and virtues.

the curriculum and co-curriculum together nurture knowledge of ourselves and our gifts.

imagination, knowledge, and courage in learning equip us for transformative action; we analyze, inquire, experiment, interpret, express, perform, and create.

developing [life-long habits](#) of effective and enthusiastic learning prepares us for lives of faithful service in the kingdom.

## **F ith**

Informed, Courageous, Lived

Christian faith increases in richness, resilience, and passion when grounded in biblical, theological, and historical knowledge.

Calvin College's understanding of scripture is articulated in the



**Citizen** : Graduates will, for example, be able to demonstrate intercultural knowledge and competence in

**Citiz hi** : Calvin students can  
complete an urban studies minor.  
participate in an international off-campus semester or interim.