

Cross-cultural awareness and/or communication

Key issues [concerning cross-cultural awareness and/or communication]: the ways in which people of different cultures perceive the world and communicate differently---for example, Latin Americans focus on the family (collectivist) as opposed to US emphasis on the individual (individualist)

College students should be aware and given knowledge pertaining to multiculturalism. I think this is very important for society and humanity. People will be more aware of other types of people, and therefore be more respectful, discussing certain discriminations.

Multiculturalism/pluralism

- Role in modern society
- Globalization
- Insider/outsider problems
- Conflicts

Other cultures (around the world)

I've taken a lot of psychology courses about social psychology and senses and perception of the world around us. These kinds of classes are also better for society because they help you in understanding others around you. It prepares you to react and act in appropriate ways in work and life situations, in general. Religion courses are also good for understanding other people and their beliefs. This only works as long as teachers aren't biased. The problem with a lot of the courses, at a liberal university such as IU, is that they are often (minus the psych) taught by biased professors. This attitude can turn students away from taking these much needed courses.

The fact of compromising in many complex matters in this society (global world) by considering many different aspects in gender, race, culture, etc. is seeming important to me. And the exposure into different culture and/or atmosphere might enhance the critical thinking skill. Yet the morality and "normality" in order to correctly adapt the rules and their roles to promote common good together would be another important fact. Many newspaper topics are good source to being observation to form critical thinking which will lead many people to think about common good.

I would add the topic "Global Perspectives."

Also, I feel that is important for societies everywhere to have a better understanding of each other. If people in different countries can better understand each other's background, and what motivates certain actions, there would be less misunderstanding between cultures around the world.

As college graduates leave the protective embrace of their universities, it is important for them to be able to critically think about all of the above topics and then some so that they may contribute to society both nationally and globally.

Linguistics should be put next to Languages.

Languages

- I think it's just important to be able to communicate with as many people as possible!

At least moderate proficiency in a foreign language.

One important topic that I believe is important for the good of Humanity and Society is communication. When communication is deprived, confusion arises and nobody gets anywhere. I suppose this communication could be defined as when a group or a couple of people get together and identify some topics that really need to be discussed. After the topics have been identified and discussed, possible solutions to any problems that anyone may have with those previously discussed topics could be addressed and solutions to these problems could be formed. What I have just described “should be” the fundamental tactics that all college students use to solve problems. No one knows all of the answers, so group problem solving skills is an important tactic to master for any college student.

Public speaking – Not all jobs require talking in front of large groups, but most involve presenting ideas in front of small groups, which is often even harder. But, becoming a comfortable and effective public speaker teaches skills beyond persuasion and self expression. It teaches people to become more comfortable with themselves, helps them to face their insecurities, and extend their sense of self.