University of Illinois at Springfield
Capital Scholars Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the Capital Scholars core curriculum and other requirements, CAP students should be able:

- To think critically (we define critical thinking as the ability of students to clearly understand the purpose of their inquiries and the questions they are asking; to question the viewpoints, reliability, logic, use of evidence, and conclusions drawn in information they receive; to seek accuracy, clarity, precision, relevance, and fairness in their thinking) (See *Foundation for Critical Thinking*, http://www.criticalthinking.org/miniguidepage.html)

- To write clearly and precisely.

- To understand analytical and holistic thinking and to be able to practice both.

- To be able to conduct research using library and web resources.

- To understand and use quantitative and mathematical analyses in problem solving.

- To understand the approaches taken by the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, and to differentiate among them.

- To speak a language other than English at the advanced beginner or low intermediate level.

- To approach issues from multiple perspectives and disciplines and to understand and accept the ambiguities that arise from complexity.

- To value diversity in perspectives and opinions, as well as in cultural values, religious views, and political outlooks.