

Characteristics of a Lehman Graduate

Upon graduation from Lehman College, you will expand the legacy of Herbert H. Lehman as an educated citizen devoted to lifelong scholarship, to honesty and integrity, including the strength to follow one's conscience, to civic investment, based on the belief that everyone has a duty to help others, to collaboration and empathy with others, and to a willingness to address complex problems.

Lehman College graduates are:

1. **Educated**

Independent thinkers, who actively and skillfully cultivate the capacity to conceptualize, analyze, evaluate, synthesize and communicate. Specifically, they:

a. **Utilize critical thinking skills:**

As self-directed learners with the habit of asking "why," they use evidence-based reasoning and logical argumentation. They synthesize information and knowledge across disciplines to their own perspectives, positions, and interpretations.

b. **Demonstrate competence within at least one discipline:**

They demonstrate understanding of the central theories, core literature, terminology, methods, practices and current issues within their disciplines as well as how their discipline related to other disciplines. They are capable of integrating knowledge from other disciplines as appropriate.

c. **Demonstrate skills in quantitative reasoning, information literacy, and research:**

They capably comprehend, analyze, interpret and present quantitative data. They can, ethically and legally, identify, locate, comprehend, analyze, and evaluate information from a multitude of sources to solve diverse problems. They are capable of conducting primary and secondary research involving the collection, analysis and synthesis of data.

2. **Empowered**

Confident thinkers, who recognize the power of informed inquiry to solving problems. Specifically they:

a. **Demonstrate outstanding communication skills in diverse media:**

They effectively communicate with diverse audiences in diverse settings and through diverse media as well as use appropriate rhetorical strategies with different audiences.

3. **Engaged**

Citizens, who contribute to their local, national and global communities using reason, integrity, empathy, accuracy, humility, and civility. Specifically they:

a. **Demonstrate multicultural, global and ethical awareness of diverse peoples and communities:**

They respect individual differences and demonstrate empathy towards diverse viewpoints, values and experiences.

b. **Demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team:**

They contribute as team members to building consensus and share their skills and knowledge.

c. **Demonstrate the potential for leadership:**

They assume leadership roles to build capacity in their communities.