

Overarching Goal Standard

As of 22 July 2004

Graduates anticipate and respond effectively to the uncertainties of a changing technological, social, political, and economic world.

Demonstrate ability to:	<i>Anticipate</i> uncertainties, including challenges, problems, and opportunities	<i>Respond</i> effectively to uncertainties with confidence and reasoned judgment
Standard	<p>In anticipating the uncertainties of a multi-faceted environment, graduates imagine the possible outcomes and consequences of an ambiguous situation. Toward this end, they scan the social, political, economic, and technological environment to identify trends and new ideas; identify one or more problems drawn from the situation; and understand the uncertainties inherent in a problem and one's limitations in dealing with the problem.</p>	<p>Having anticipated potential challenges, opportunities, and threats associated with a problem, graduates respond by determining appropriate action to be taken.</p> <p>Graduates respond effectively to uncertainties through a stated awareness of the breadth, depth, and limits of their problem or situation. In doing so, they frame the problem from multiple perspectives, identify concepts central to the problem or situation, consider analogous historical situations, and examine underlying assumptions; they identify a set of plausible, discernible, and/or alternative options to include military, if appropriate; and they use evidence to make well-reasoned decisions and consider potential second-order effects. They persuasively communicate both the decision and its basis.</p>

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