


# THE WAGNER COLLEGE DIFFERENCE

“Liberal education provides both broad knowledge in a variety of areas and knowledge in a specific major or field of interest. It also helps students develop a sense of social responsibility, as well as intellectual and practical skills that span all areas of study, such as communication, analytical, and problem-solving skills, and a demonstrated ability to apply knowledge and skills in real-world settings.”

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94% of employers say it is *important* to provide this type of education for today’s students, and 51% say it is *very important* to do so.\*

What Employers Value		Wagner Learning Outcomes	Wagner Learning in Action					
College learning outcomes that employers rated highly in a 2013 survey.*		Areas in which Wagner undergraduates develop skills and knowledge	How Wagner undergraduates develop skills and knowledge					
Outcomes that need more emphasis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Critical thinking</b> and <b>analytical reasoning</b> (82% more emphasis)</li><li>• <b>Complex problem solving</b> and analysis (81% more emphasis)</li><li>• Written and oral <b>communication</b> (80% more emphasis)</li><li>• <b>Application of knowledge and skills</b> in real-world settings (78% more emphasis)</li><li>• <b>Location, organization, and evaluation of information</b> from multiple sources (72% more emphasis)</li><li>• <b>Innovation</b> and <b>creativity</b> (71% more emphasis)</li><li>• <b>Teamwork skills</b> and the ability to collaborate with others in diverse group settings (67% more emphasis)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critical and creative <b>thinking</b></li><li>• Scientific and quantitative <b>reasoning</b></li><li>• <b>Communication</b>, written and oral</li><li>• <b>Integrative learning</b>, “Learning by Doing”</li><li>• <b>Information literacy</b></li><li>• Appreciation of different modes of <b>inquiry</b></li><li>• <b>Leadership, teamwork, and collaboration</b></li><li>• <b>Ethical</b> values and social responsibility</li><li>• <b>Intercultural competence</b></li><li>• Development of identity as a <b>civic professional</b></li><li>• <b>Reflection</b>, combining theoretical and experiential learning</li></ul>	Coursework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three learning communities that integrate the disciplines and experiential learning</li><li>• Research</li><li>• Writing and oral presentations</li><li>• Studio, laboratory, and field work</li><li>• Clinical and practical experiences</li><li>• Service learning</li><li>• Coursework in a major</li></ul>	On Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advising</li><li>• Co-curricular programs</li><li>• Student-led organizations and clubs</li><li>• Residence hall participation and leadership</li><li>• Athletics</li><li>• On-campus jobs</li><li>• Career development and alumni networking</li><li>• Participation in theater, music, and other arts</li></ul>	Off Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Internships</li><li>• Community engagement and leadership</li><li>• Off-campus jobs</li><li>• Alternative Spring Break</li><li>• Study Abroad</li><li>• Clinical and practical experiences</li></ul>
	Outcomes considered important when hiring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ethical judgment and integrity</b> (96% important, including 76% very important)</li><li>• <b>Comfort in working with</b> colleagues, customers, and/or clients from diverse cultural backgrounds (96% important, including 63% very important)</li><li>• <b>Capacity for professional development</b> and continued new learning (94% important, including 61% very important)</li><li>• <b>Interest in giving back</b> to the community (71% important, including 26% very important)</li></ul> <p><small>*Source: “It Takes More Than a Major: Employer Priorities for College Learning and Student Success,” April 2013 report on an online survey among employers conducted for the Association of American Colleges and Universities by Hart Research Associates.</small></p>		 <p>U.S. News &amp; World Report consistently ranks Wagner College’s programs for the first-year experience, learning communities, service learning, and internships among the best in the nation.</p>				

### Student Learning at Wagner

Find out how Wagner assesses what students are gaining from the Wagner Plan and how well we are doing in achieving our mission.  
[wagner.edu/assessment](http://wagner.edu/assessment)

### Accolades

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[wagner.edu/about/facts/accolades-and-honors](http://wagner.edu/about/facts/accolades-and-honors)

### Admissions

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Wagner Learning Results *What students gain from their experiences at Wagner, according to the 2012 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) conducted with seniors and first year (FY) students*

