Criteria for a Critical Connections Course

A Critical Connections course should:

1. Offer junior and senior students from a variety of majors an opportunity to pursue advanced and integrated study in the liberal arts and, thereby, lay a foundation for lifelong learning
2. Explore a substantive topic or problem from a variety of academic perspectives and modes of inquiry and, thereby, present students with an intriguing set of intellectual challenges
3. Engage students in activities requiring such critical thinking skills as analysis and synthesis of information, assessment and weighing of evidence, logic and argumentation, comparative judgment and evaluation, dealing with complexity and ambiguity, and posing questions of values and ethics

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