

Purposes of Undergraduate Education,

per Derek Bok, *Our Underachieving Colleges* (2006)

1. Ability to communicate

2. Critical thinking

Qualities of mind and habits of thought more than highly specialized knowledge in most fields; basic quantitative methods; probability and statistics; practice applying math to everyday problems

3. Moral Reasoning

Identify ethical issues, think about them rigorously, and act upon conclusions

4. Preparing Citizens

Know everything necessary to understand the issues; fulfill civic duties by at least voting

5. Living with Diversity

Help students learn to live together with understanding and mutual respect

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6. Living in a more Global Society

Understand international affairs and other countries and cultures; prepared to respond effectively to whatever international issues and opportunities arise

7. Breadth of Interests

Foster the "capabilities, knowledge, and breadth of interests that will permit them to enjoy full and varied lives";

The problem is how to do this, given that students don't remember most of what they learn in college

8. Preparing for Work

Through the liberal arts and/or more specialized or even vocational training

Chadwick School's Core Competencies

(aligning pretty well with Bok's "Purposes")

- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Character
(School Core Values: *Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Fairness, Compassion*)
- Courage
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Cross-Cultural Competence