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General Education Reflection

Over the course of my enrollment at Iowa State University, I've had the privilege of taking many unique classes. While many of these classes have fallen into the STEM category, a few have not. Encapsulated within this category are the classes: CHIN 378 (Chinese Film and Society), LD ST 322 (Leadership In a Diverse Society), and MUSIC 105 (Basic Musicianship). Through these classes I've been able to broaden my learning to more categories than just STEM.

In CHIN 378 our class got the opportunity to watch various Chinese films. These films dated anywhere from the 1920's to present day. We encompassed a broad variety of films, including stories of war, love, and sadness. Near the end of the class we had to find a film of our own and critically examine it. I never would've even considered doing this if not for the class. I feel it helped broaden my vision of Chinese film & art.

In LD ST 322 we discussed different leadership strategies and how they are used in real-world situations. While there isn't a single thing that sticks out from this class necessarily, the leadership ideas it presented stuck around. Analyzing how I lead in my life was particularly helpful. Through what I learned in LD ST 322, I feel I'll be better prepared for leading others in the future.

In MUSIC 105 we learned music theory and basic piano skills. I've played piano since highschool, so this class wasn't especially difficult for me. It was interesting however, to put names to many of the scales & licks I'd been playing for years. I ended

up learning more than I thought I would, which was a nice surprise. With what I learned, I feel confident if I were to delve deeper into music theory.

Throughout my time at ISU I've been given the chance to take some wonderful classes. Although not a cumulative list, the classes I've listed are some that I thought were most impactful. Through these and many others I've obtained a good basis for the next chapter in my life. I hope to continue this growth as I progress in my career.