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General Education Reflection

My general education courses have laid the foundation for learning. They have taught me how to be efficient when answering questions. Specifically, they have taught me to come up with ideas and build upon them. This helps lay the foundation for my engineering courses, where I must think more technically when solving a problem. Without them, I would struggle to be effective when answering difficult questions..

Although many of my general education courses came from dual enrollment while in High School, I have taken general education courses at the 3000+ level. These courses include ARCH 3210 - History of the American City and HSPM 3830L - Wine, Spirits, and Mixology Laboratory in Hospitality Management. These courses have helped me grow my understanding of learning in a new way.

Firstly, ARCH 3210 has taught me to view the world as a growing and changing entity. This means that one must adapt with the world's change. Whether that's culture, society, or a civilization's way of life, there's always change happening, and adaptation is key to staying afloat. The course itself reflects these culture changes by the architecture of cities, ports, and parks, but the most important lesson learned is that engineering is the same way as architecture, always changing and adjusting to current times.

Additionally, HSPM 3830L has taught me how quickly someone must be ready. Whether that's for an engineering change to an approach one wouldn't expect, or checking a person's ID when serving them alcohol, being sharp and intuitive is necessary in all aspects of life. This class has gotten me ready for exactly that. I never expected change to occur instantaneously; however, in the alcohol industry, things can go south very quickly. Therefore, I've learned that

staying ready and always expecting things to go wrong at an instant is essential to being successful. I know that I can apply this same concept to my solutions when innovating and problem-solving. I now know that requirements, needs, or constraints can change, and I must be able to adapt and adapt quickly in order to succeed.

Through these general education courses, I have learned the importance of change and adaptation. This has taught me to view engineering problems with a wider view, rather than a focused perspective. I am grateful these courses have helped to widen my knowledge and understanding of innovation, as I can now apply this philosophy to any task that comes my way.