

# The Future of General Education: KMUTT Experience

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#### BROAD SKILLS MATTER

A liberal education provides the skills and knowledge employers view as important for career success.

#### EMPLOYERS SEE VALUE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Employers have confidence in higher education and the value of a college degree.

#### MINDSETS MATTER TOO

Personal aptitudes and mindsets also play an important role in career success.

EXPERIENCES SET

STUDENTS APART

Completion of active and applied learning experiences gives job

applicants a clear advantage.

#### How College Contributes to Workforce Success

EMPLOYER VIEWS ON WHAT MATTERS MOST

9 KEY TAKEAWAYS

#### WORKFORCE PREPAREDNESS STILL LACKING

Employers see room for improvement in the preparation of college graduates for work.

#### BREADTH + DEPTH

Both breadth and depth of learning are needed for long-term career success.

#### **EMPLOYERS AREN'T THE SAME**

Views on higher education and perceptions of recent graduates vary significantly by employer age and educational attainment.

### COMMUNICATION IS IMPROVING

College graduates are becoming more effective at communicating their achievements to employers.

#### ONE DIFFERENCE AGE MAKES

Younger employers (under 40) place higher value on civic-related outcomes and experiences than older employers (50 and above) do.

https://www.aacu.org/research/how-college-contributes-to-workforce-success

## The Importance of General Education in Higher Education

#### They Build a Base of Knowledge

 help ensure every student earning a bachelor's degree graduates with a broad base of knowledge.

#### **They Enhance Your Communication Skills**

 enhance your ability to communicate (ex. written and oral communications)

#### **They Improve Your Critical Thinking Skills**

 the wide breadth of knowledge you can gain in your general education courses will expand your overall understanding of the world and give you more knowledge to work with when applying critical thinking skills later.

#### They Can Help With Your Career

## The Elements of Modern GE Curriculum

#### **Coherent and Continuous:**

 The new GE is designed to develop skills and knowledge that prepare students for more complex coursework and includes curricular and co-curricular experiences that culminate in the use of higher-order skills.

#### **Focused on Ways of Thinking:**

• Greater emphasis is placed on core skills that enable students to approach a subject, or a problem, from the perspective of an expert in the discipline.

#### Flexible:

• Allowing students follow their own passions and interests.

#### **Interdisciplinary:**

GE is becoming increasing multidisciplinary, with core courses oriented around big questions or problems that bridge departmental devides.

#### **Scaffolded**

This refers to the process of weaving general education throughout the undergraduate experience.

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Curriculum

# **Includes Civic Engagement and Professional Development:**

GE program help students become better communicators, ethical thinker, and good citizens.

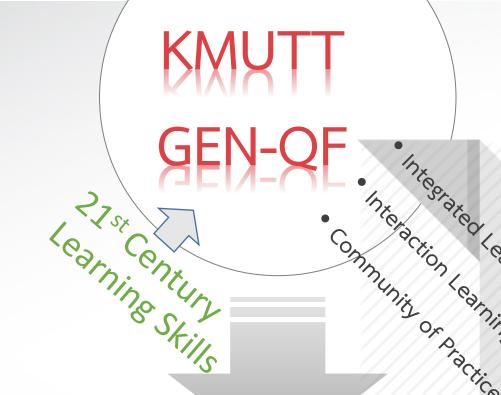
#### **Incorporates High-impact Practices:**

Diversity of learning and teaching approaches apply for GE courses such as first year experiences, internships, capstone courses, undergraduate research, service learning, community-based learning etc.

Source: AAC&U.2018. The Chronicle of Higher Education Reforming Gen Ed: Strategies for Success on Your Campus.



# KMUTT GE Experience



KMUTT STUDENT QE

# HUMANIZATION

OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION

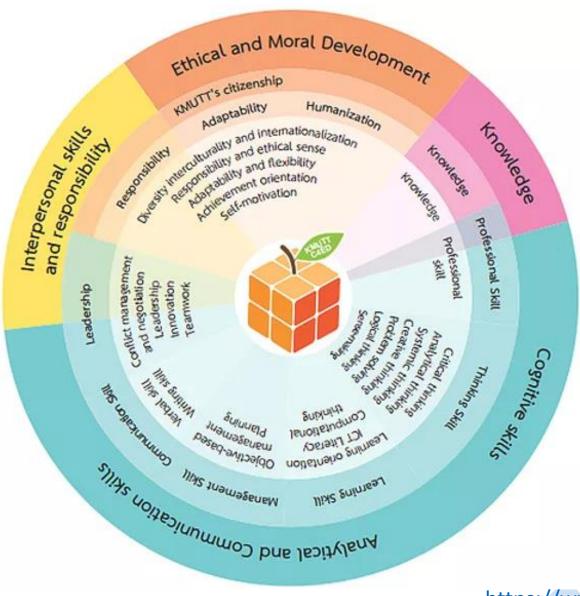
# SOCIAL CHANGE AGENT

Value

Potential and

Competent

Leadership



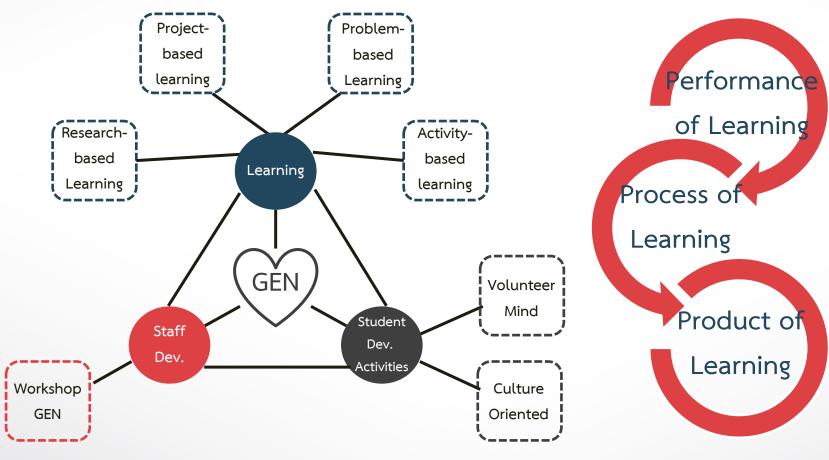
**KMUTT Student QF** 

# KEY CONCEPT

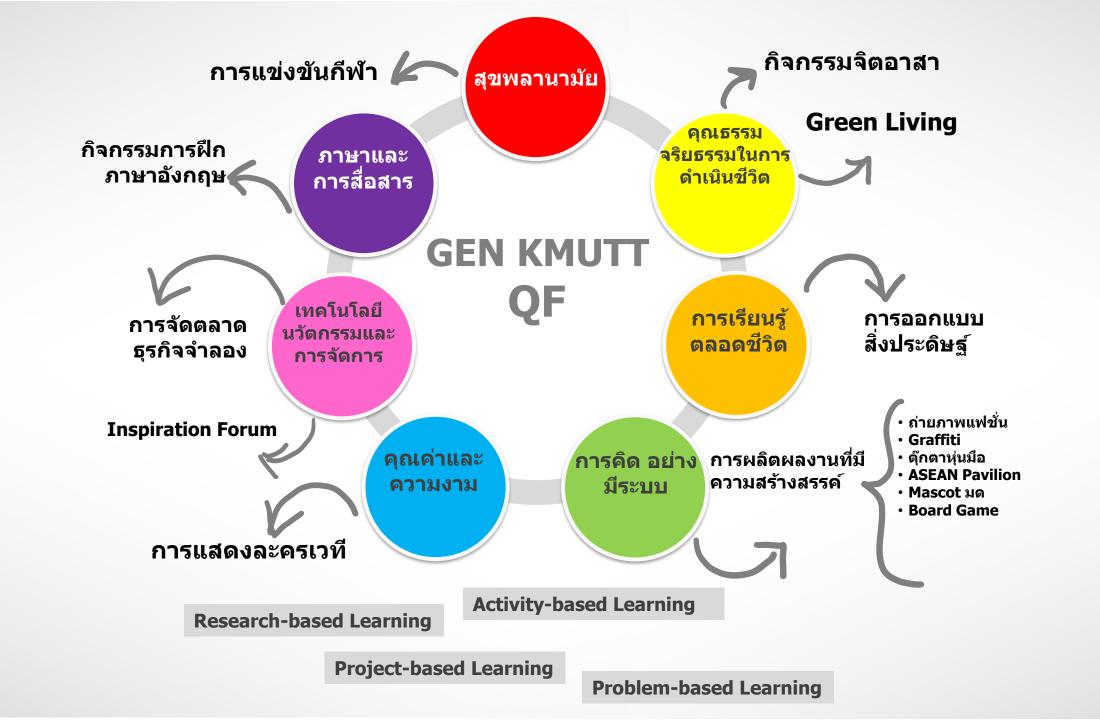
- Outcome-based Course Design
- Integration Concept
- Active Learning
- Teacher as FA
- Authentic Assessment

## INTEGRATION CONCEPT

"เนื้อหาความรู้" ระหว่างศาสตร์ต่าง ๆ
"ความรู้" และ "กระบวนการเรียนรู้"
"สิ่งที่เรียนรู้" กับ "ชีวิตประจำวัน"
"ทีมอาจารย์ผู้สอน" จากหลากหลายสาขาวิชา



**AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENT** 



# Redesign KMUTT GE Program

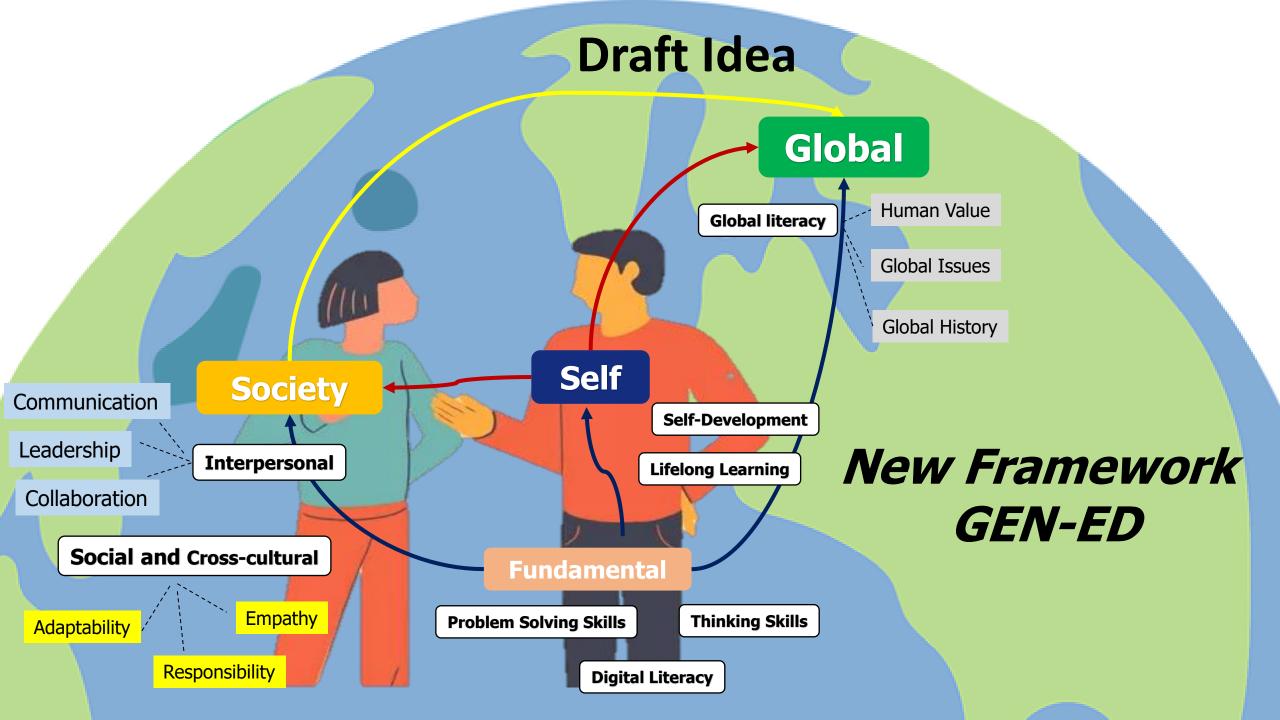
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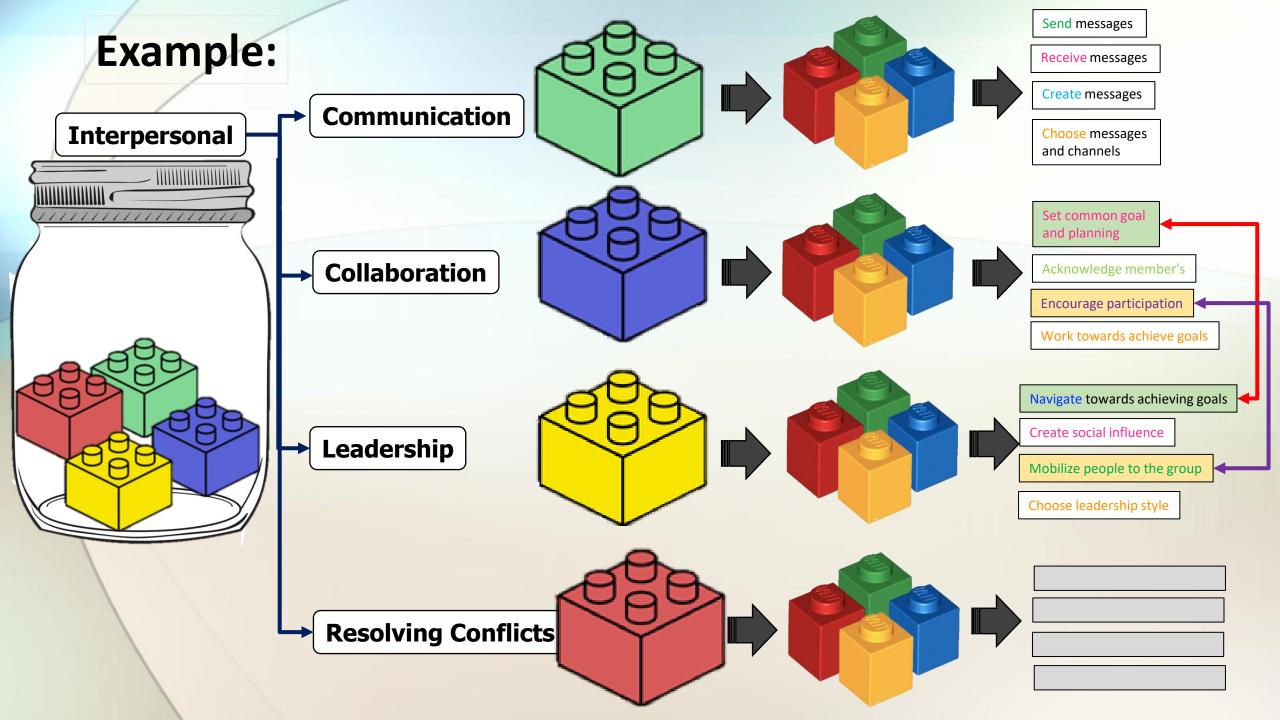
การศึกษาทั่วไปที่มุ่งพัฒนานักศึกษาให้เป็นมนุษย์ที่สามารถดำรงชีวิตในโลกยุค
ปัจจุบันได้ โดยมีทักษะการคิด ทักษะการแก้ปัญหา และการรู้เท่าทันดิจิทัลเป็น
พื้นฐาน มีความรู้และความสามารถซึ่งนำไปสู่การพัฒนาตนเองเพื่อสร้างตัวตน อยู่
ร่วมกับผู้อื่นในสังคม และรับมือกับความพลิกผันของสถานการณ์โลกได้

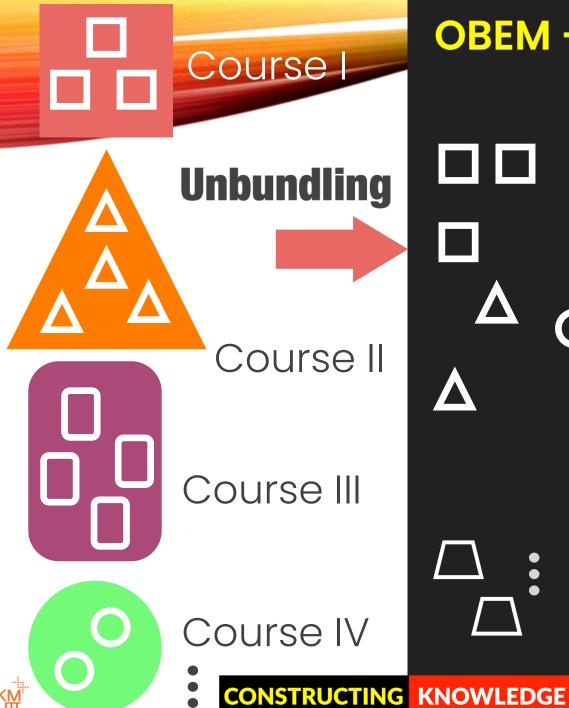
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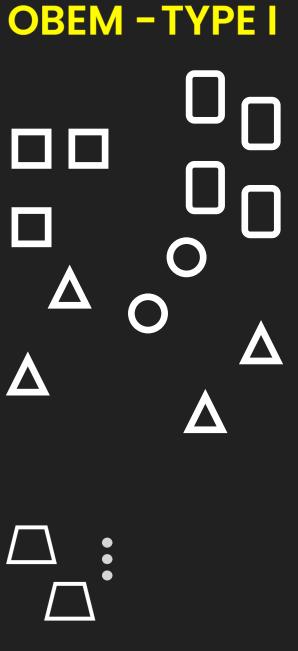
# OBEM & Micro-credential Design & Modularity & Hybrid Learning

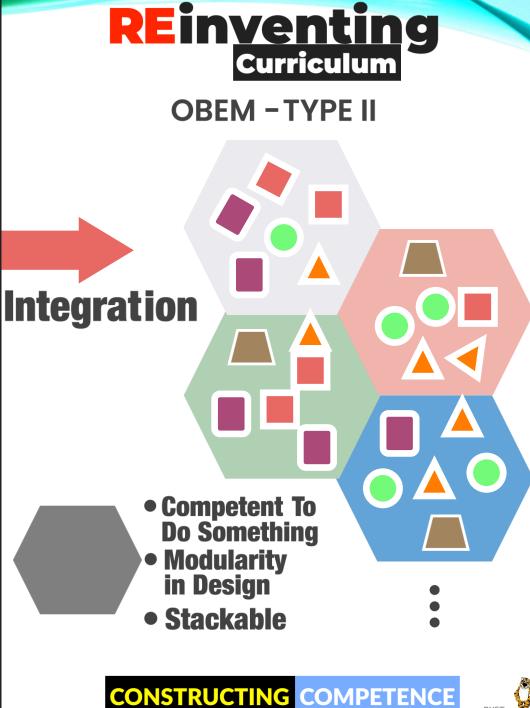
**Integration:** Professional Education & General Education



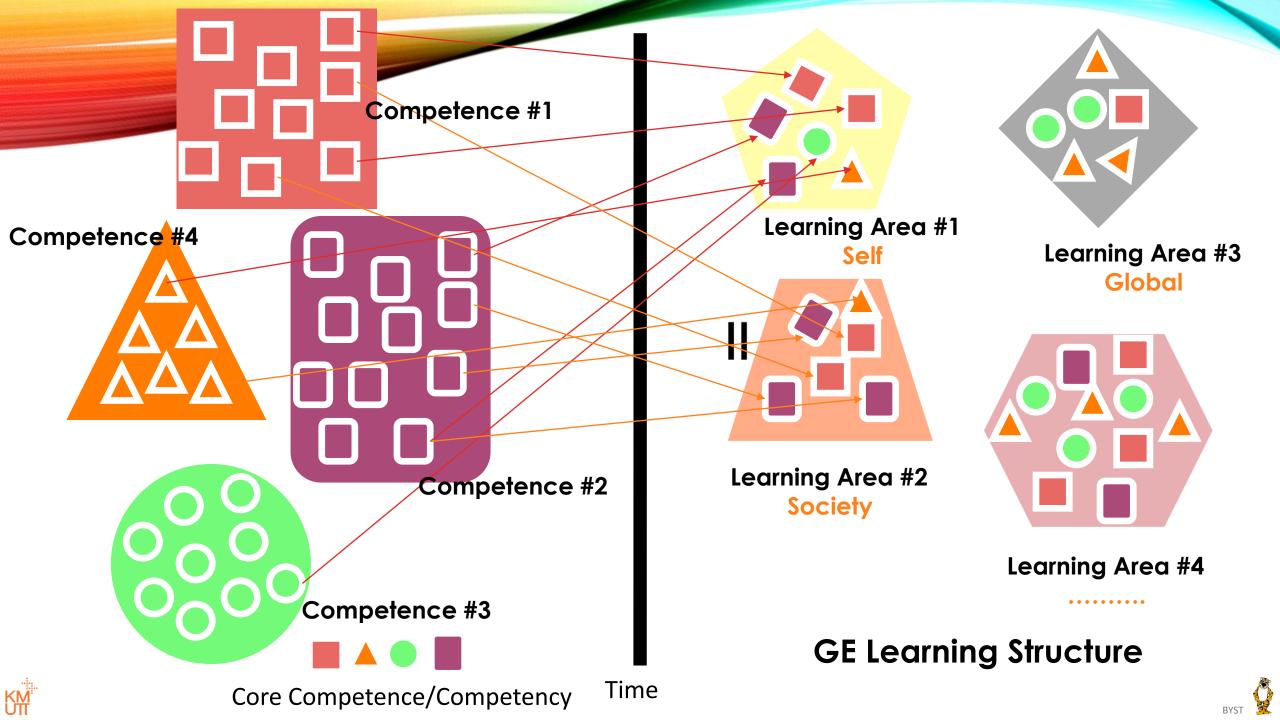












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