

# Next Generation Undergraduate Success Measurement Project Framework

## POSTSECONDARY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

We measure six key dimensions of postsecondary growth and development thought to be related to later life course outcomes by integrating student surveys, performance assessments, administrative data, and learning management system data.

Growth Over Time

### Cognitive Ability & Intellectual Dispositions

General and specialized (i.e., domain-specific) competencies as well as intellectual dispositions related to adaptability in dealing with dynamic changes in information and society.

### Life-Course Agency

Psychological growth associated with self-direction, life planning, and what individual students themselves are hoping to attain from their college experience.

### Self-Regulation Skills

Attitudes, dispositions, and skills related to setting goals, planning, organizing, and monitoring one's own behavior.

### Social Capital

Access to resources, information, and opportunities; socioemotional support; interpersonal competencies; and multicultural appreciation.

### Civic Engagement

Community participation that facilitates the development of democratic skills, media literacy that supports political knowledge, and values that promote equity, diversity, and justice.

### Psychological Flourishing & Mental Health

Students' mental health and individual flourishing provide opportunities for students to find meaning and purpose in their lives.

Our measurement aims not just to provide clearer demonstration of the value of educational investments, but also to inspire and inform efforts to improve institutional performance and advance educational equity.

## LIFE COURSE OUTCOMES

Measuring the long-term value of higher education is complex and requires looking at multiple factors. The following are examples of outcomes related to the long-term value of higher education.

### Postgraduate Education, Employment, & Health Outcomes

- Postgraduate degrees
- Occupational status
- Income
- Health

### Social & Psychological Outcomes

- Social connectedness
- Social status
- Improved well-being
- Adaptability
- Ability to manage stress
- Resilience

### Civic Outcomes

- Participation in elections and political processes
- Involvement in community organizations
- Critical awareness of systems of oppression and social responsibilities
- Empowerment and leadership that reinforces political agency and democratic cooperation