The Common Learning curriculum includes ten carefully selected courses in five areas where students can sharpen their skills and develop the understanding of essential knowledge needed for thriving in the information age. These are not 101 courses, but instead a set of interdisciplinary courses for people who have been in the working world and are highly motivated. Interdisciplinary simply means that the perspectives and materials of several disciplines have been brought together in the design of each course. Because all students in the program will take these courses, they will have a common foundational experience so instructors in advanced courses can assume they have attained a specific level of knowledge. The Common Learning Experience will help students learn how to learn, which will serve them in their future academic careers.