Carleton College aims to

1. foster students' ability to read perceptively and critically at an advanced level;
2. help students develop their ability to speak and write effectively in English;
3. help students learn a second language;
4. help students attain proficiency in a discipline or field of knowledge;
5. encourage students to become acquainted with method and purpose in a variety of learning areas: in the humanities, in literature and the arts, in the social sciences, and in mathematics and the natural sciences;
6. foster students' ability to think analytically and synthetically and to bring their knowledge to bear in addressing complex problems in a discipline;
7. encourage students to acquire an awareness of cultural diversity;
8. help students develop basic skills of contributing as members of work groups or teams;
9. make it possible for students to avail themselves of a variety of other cultural, service, recreational, and intellectual opportunities.