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- Develop a learning community committed to scholarly inquiry
- Offer a rigorous disciplinary environment to prepare students for excellence in and out of the classroom
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