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General Reflection

During my time at Iowa State, I have been required to take several general education courses. I have tried to pick courses that are about topics that I find interesting. I hope that these courses will be valuable not only in satisfying my curiosity, but also in my future work as an engineer.

I took American Sign Language I (ASL 101). In this class I learned how to sign basic ASL and learned about deaf culture and the challenges deaf people face. If I someday work with deaf people, this class may help me to better know how to work with them. It may also be able to help me to think about and consider accessibility to deaf people in design decisions I make as an engineer.

I took World Hunger Issues (ENV S 342). I learned a lot about poverty and gain some insight into why many people around the world do not have enough food to eat. It is a sad problem. Someday, I may work in an area where my work has an impact on the world food system. The things I learned in this class may help me to help and not hurt those who do not have access to food.

I went to Singapore for a study abroad. There I took Chinese 1 as a general elective at the National University of Singapore. This class and my time with students in Singapore helped me to learn Chinese language and culture. Someday, the things I learned may help me to better work with Chinese people.

It was nice to have the opportunity to take some classes outside of my engineering classes. Some of the things I learned in ASL 101, ENV S 342, and Chinese 1 will hopefully, someday help me to be a better engineer.