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General Education Reflection

My General Education courses have taught me efficiency. I tried my best to pick interesting electives, but I always found my Engineering courses far more interesting. I learned how to quickly learn, write, and complete assignments. I also learned some fun facts about architecture and Russian history.

ARCH 321 allowed me to see the consequence of innovation. By seeing how the world reacts to large developments, I have thought about my coursework differently. Recognizing that the world will react and adapt – maybe even rebuild civilizations – when new technology arrives has allowed me to be more creative. However, it has also shown me the cost of implementation. Creating a product that is easy to fit in users' lives is preferable.

RUS 375 showed the cost of errors. A large part of the class was spent on Chernobyl, and seeing the effect of an engineering mistake prevail for decades has made me more cautious. I approach problems with an intention of being more thorough.

Although I didn't always enjoy my General Education classes, I learned from them. I broadened my knowledge, and I recognized that I really enjoy engineering. I approach problems a little differently because of them, and I now know that the same family that designed New York's Central Park designed Iowa State's central campus!