

What is a Student Learning Outcome?

A learning outcome is a statement of exactly what your students should be able to do after completing your course or at specific points during the course.



Outcomes are written from a student's point of view

e.g. Students will analyze two news sources following the "Comparison Essay" rubric.

Before Writing Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's)?



Check with your colleagues, deans, and/or assessment coordinator if there are mandated outcomes from an accrediting agency you must follow in your class..

Get to know your students. Ask them what they need and want to learn that so you can target those areas during the course.

Constructing Measurable Student Learning Outcomes

1

A statement of a measurable performance:
E.g. Classify, design, create.



Students will perform a car engine diagnostic

2

A statement of conditions for the performance:
What is the context for the performance?



using a code reader

3

Criteria and standards for assessing the performance:
What constitutes high-level performance?



following the manufacturer specifications.



Things to Avoid When Constructing SLO's...



Don't use two actions verbs together:
Students will judge and analyze



Don't use qualifiers:
Students will successfully complete...



Don't use ambiguous verbs:
Understand, know, learn.