

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES 101

### What are student learning outcomes?

Student learning outcomes or SLOs are statements that specify what students will know, be able to do or be able to demonstrate when they have completed or participated in a program/activity/course/project. Outcomes are usually expressed as knowledge, skills, attitudes or values.

### What are the characteristics of good SLOs?

SLOs specify an action by the student that must be observable, measurable, and able to be demonstrated!

### Assessing SLOs...

What skills are students learning? Are these the skills we want them to learn? Are these the skills we are teaching them?

### How can SLOs help students and organizations?

1. Will enable students to articulate what they are learning and have learned from attending LAMC, inside and outside of the classroom.
2. Will help students be able to explain what they can do and what they know.
3. Will enable students to better understand where they can go to learn particular knowledge, skills, attitudes or values. Ultimately, will provide students with a map of where various learning opportunities are available throughout the College.
4. Will help departments understand how to better facilitate student learning.
5. Will provide departments with feedback (e.g. Are their services providing what they are supposed to beyond customer satisfaction?)

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*A day without SLOs is a day without sunshine.*