**WHAT ARE SLOS?**

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SLOs (Student Learning Outcomes) are levels of knowledge, skills, and abilities that a student attains from their learning experience. SLOs must be measurable. A rubric must be created to be used in assessing each SLO.

What do SLOs do?

* Make students aware of what will be expected of them – they don’t have to guess.
* Provide *meaningful* assessments to see if expectations are met.

SLOs should be concise statements of what we want students to:

* Know/Understand in terms of content: facts, theories, concepts
* Values: open-mindedness, ethics, social responsibility
* Be able to do in terms of skills: computational, collaborative, communication, occupational, etc.

**THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF SLOS AT VENTURA COLLEGE: ISLOS, PSLOS, AND CSLOS.**

***ISLOs (Institutional SLOs)*** are broad educational goals that are shared across campus.   These are the outcomes every student who leaves VC with a degree, certificate, or vocational training should be able to do or know.  Our ISLOs are:

* Communication (written, oral, visual)
* Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning
* Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
* Information Literacy
* Personal/Community Awareness and Academic/Career Responsibilities

We focus on a different ISLO each academic year so that all five ISLOs will be assessed during our 5-year rotational plan. We have rubrics for each of them. **Each course at VC has been mapped to at least one ISLO**. Your department chair will provide you with information about which one(s) you are to assess and when.

***PSLOs (Program Level SLOs)*** are the knowledge, skills and abilities that a student should have after completion of a specific degree or certificate. They broadly cover knowledge gained from *major- specific* courses.

PSLOs only need to be assessed in courses that were mapped to that PSLO as a course that 'masters' that outcome at a 2-year college level.

***CSLOs (Course level SLOs)*** represent the knowledge, skills and abilities a student should have after completing a course. These are course-specific areas of knowledge.



**LEARN MORE ABOUT SLOs at VC:**

 **Attend the upcoming workshops**.