



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Learning objectives are the expressed goals for a lesson. They tell the student what they will be able to do, and how they will know they got there.

WRITE LEARNING OBJECTIVES TO:

- › Plan for appropriate assessment and measurement
- › Give learners a means of organizing learning
- › Give instructors better perspective of learners.

Use student facing language to keep the focus on their outcomes. A common format is:

*“Students will be able to _____
so that they can _____.”*

Word choice establishes the level of cognition, so use a variety of critical thinking power verbs:

demonstrate
summarize
apply

organize
analyze
interpret

measure
adapt
create

EFFECTIVE LEARNING OBJECTIVES ARE:

- › Attainable within the lesson time
- › Measurable
- › Specific
- › A clear fit with the big course goals
- › Framed in terms of “students will be able to...” (or similar “ability” language).
- › Visible to students during lessons
- › Referenced throughout lessons