

Below are examples describing possible assessments for the various general education competencies. These are just a few examples to show you the appropriate level of detail to give the General Education Committee when submitting a course for general education status. Remember that assessment scores are entirely separate from course grades.

Question

Describe how you plan to assess the student learning outcome for this competency. Please be as specific as possible in describing a single assignment or exam.

Critical Thinking Sample Answers

- A few questions from the final exam will be chosen as assessment questions. These questions will require students to show all their work to display their thinking in solving the problem. Scores will be given based on correctness of the thought process and the student's ability to clearly show their thinking.
- At the end of the semester, students must write a term paper on a topic of their choosing. Critical thinking will be evaluated based on the student's ability to take the concept beyond the basics and synthesize it into their own words and come to their own conclusion.

Ethical Reasoning Sample Answer

Students will choose a current event and write an essay on the ethical implications of the event. Students will then present their event to the class. Assessment will be a combination of both the essay and the presentation.

Communication Sample Answers

- At the end of the semester, students must write a term paper. The paper will be evaluated for the student's demonstration of rhetoric, research, content, and delivery as listed in the communication rubric.
- Everyone in the class is required to give a 10-minute presentation at the end of the semester. This presentation will be used to assess communication based on the communication rubric.

Information and Technology Literacy Sample Answer

A budget project will be assigned where students must plan a budget based on their intended future. Students will be required to use the Internet to find information about their desired job and location. Students may be asked to include payment calculations (from the Internet) on mortgages, student loans, and/or car payments. Documentation of all resources used will be required.

Quantitative Reasoning Sample Answer

A budget project will be assigned where students must plan a budget based on their intended future. Students will be required to use the Internet to find information about their desired job and location. Students may be asked to include payment calculations (from the Internet) on mortgages, student loans, and/or car payments. As a conclusion, students will be asked to analyze the information they have collected and interpret what it means.