

# FOUNDATIONS AND SKILLS FOR LIFELONG LEARNING VALUE RUBRIC

This rubric was developed by the AAC&U and is used here as a sample of how the learning objectives might be assessed. For more information on the development of the Essential Skills rubrics, please contact [value@aacu.org](mailto:value@aacu.org).



While departments and programs should NOT alter learning objectives, *performance indicators* used to measure the learning objectives may be altered and can vary depending upon the course or program. **Departments will need to indicate the performance indicators used to measure each of the 2 -3 learning objective (per essential skill) assessed in their program reviews.**

## Definition

Lifelong learning is “all purposeful learning activity, undertaken on an ongoing basis with the aim of improving knowledge, skills and competence.” An endeavor of higher education is to prepare students to be this type of learner by developing tspecific dispositions and skills (described in this rubric) while in school. (From The European Commission. 2000. Commission staff working paper: A memorandum on lifelong learning. Retrieved September 3, 2003, from [www.see-educoop.net/education\\_in/pdf/lifelong-oth-enl-t02.pdf](http://www.see-educoop.net/education_in/pdf/lifelong-oth-enl-t02.pdf).)

<u>Learning Objectives</u>	<b>Most advanced performance indicators</b>			<b>Least advanced performance indicators</b>
<b>Curiosity</b>	Explores a topic in depth, yielding a rich awareness and/or little-known information indicating intense interest in the subject.	Explores a topic in depth, yielding insight and/or information indicating interest in the subject.	Explores a topic with some evidence of depth, providing occasional insight and/or information indicating mild interest in the subject.	Explores a topic at a surface level, providing little insight and/or information beyond the very basic facts indicating low interest in the subject.
<b>Initiative</b>	Completes required work, generates and pursues opportunities to expand knowledge, skills, and abilities.	Completes required work, identifies and pursues opportunities to expand knowledge, skills, and abilities.	Completes required work and identifies opportunities to expand knowledge, skills, and abilities.	Completes required work.
<b>Independence</b>	Educational interests and pursuits exist and flourish outside classroom requirements. Knowledge and/or experiences are pursued independently.	Beyond classroom requirements, pursues substantial, additional knowledge and/or actively pursues independent educational experiences.	Beyond classroom requirements, pursues additional knowledge and/or shows interest in pursuing independent educational experiences.	Begins to look beyond classroom requirements, showing interest in pursuing knowledge independently.
<b>Transfer</b>	Makes explicit references to previous learning and applies in an innovative (new and creative) way that knowledge and those skills to demonstrate comprehension and performance in novel situations.	Makes references to previous learning and shows evidence of applying that knowledge and those skills to demonstrate comprehension and performance in novel situations.	Makes references to previous learning and attempts to apply that knowledge and those skills to demonstrate comprehension and performance in novel situations.	Makes vague references to previous learning but does not apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate comprehension and performance in novel situations.
<b>Reflection</b>	Reviews prior learning (past experiences inside and outside of the classroom) in depth to reveal significantly changed perspectives about educational and life experiences, which provide foundation for expanded knowledge, growth, and maturity over time.	Reviews prior learning (past experiences inside and outside of the classroom) in depth, revealing fully clarified meanings or indicating broader perspectives about educational or life events.	Reviews prior learning (past experiences inside and outside of the classroom) with some depth, revealing slightly clarified meanings or indicating a somewhat broader perspectives about educational or life events.	Reviews prior learning (past experiences inside and outside of the classroom) at a surface level, without revealing clarified meaning or indicating a broader perspective about educational or life events.