

What is the Difference between Program Goals and Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Program Goals are broad statements identifying learning parameters, content and relationships between content areas – what students should *learn, understand, or appreciate* as a result of their studies by the time they finish a program or a major. Goals may be incorporated in the mission statement.

Examples of Goals:

- Christian Understanding**
- Critical Thinking**
- Competence in Written and Oral Communication**
- Active Societal Engagement**
- Team Work and Collaboration**
- Ethics**

However, goals are too general to guide assessment and planning, so SLO's have to be developed to make goals specific.

Publishing your Program Goals and Student Learning Outcomes

Both Program Goals and SLO's should be published on your departmental website along with the mission statement, Alignment Chart and Multi-Year Assessment Plan. If you have posted these documents on your departmental website do not include them in your Annual Assessment Update Report.

If you have any questions regarding Program Goals, SLO's or other assessment issues, please call # 6070.