

**De Anza College**  
**Student Learning Outcomes**  
**Adopted 2/09/09 by the Academic Senate**

**Student Learning Outcomes Purpose Statement:**

The purpose of Student Learning Outcomes is to establish and institutionalize cyclical processes and procedures developed and driven by De Anza faculty and staff to define and assess specific observable characteristics or outcomes that demonstrate evidence of learning that has occurred as a result of a specific course, program, activity, or process.

**Student Learning Outcomes Defined:**

Student Learning Outcomes are overarching, clear, and assessable statements that identify and define what a student is able to do at the successful completion of a specific course, program, activity, or process. These outcomes may involve a combination of knowledge, skills/abilities, and/or attitudes that display behavioral evidence that learning has occurred at a specific level of competency. Learning outcomes require a shift in perspective from what is taught to what is learned.

The ongoing assessment of learning outcomes is for the purpose of promoting and enhancing student learning and improving institutional and program performance. The ongoing assessment of learning outcomes is specifically linked to the De Anza College planning and budget process.