

## Student Learning Outcomes

All colleges and universities use multiple approaches to assess student learning outcomes. Many of these are discipline-specific and many are coordinated with accrediting agencies. Many collect data on post graduation outcomes. AU's description of its assessment program is below.

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*Includes link to other assessment initiatives and post graduation success examples.*

### Pilot Project to Measure Core Learning Outcomes

As a pilot project, VSA participants measured critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and written communication using one of three tests. Such skills are applicable and useful for both career and personal success and are important outcomes of college regardless of a student's major. Following are the AU results from the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA). The CLA measures critical thinking, analytic reasoning and written communication using two different tasks -- a performance task and an analytic writing task. For a description of each of the two tasks [CLICK HERE](#).

### Learning Gains Between Freshman Year and Senior Year

The increase in learning on the performance task was *<what would be expected>* at an institution with students of similar academic abilities. The increase in learning on the analytic writing was *<what would be expected>* at an institution with students of similar academic abilities.

### Learning Gains Between Entering Transfer Students and Senior Transfer Students

The increase in learning on the performance task was *<what would be expected>* at an institution with students of similar academic abilities. The increase in learning on the analytic writing was *<what would be expected>* at an institution with students of similar academic abilities.

#### NOTES

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AU is examining the factors that may have contributed to the test results. More information on the evaluation and subsequent actions can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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