

Signature Assignment Guide

Often an existing assignment can be used or slightly modified to become the Signature Assignment to satisfy the [Gen Ed Domain Learning Outcomes](#). In most cases, a brand-new assignment is not necessary. The assignment doesn't have to be a lengthy assignment but should be summative of all the GenEd Learning Outcomes for its domain. These are assessed to allow for continuous improvement and for SACSCOC accreditation purposes.

What counts as a Signature Assignment?

Almost anything that assesses the domain's learning outcomes can work as a signature assignment. It is most important that it aligns with the assessment standards, or rubric, for the domain. The type of assignment could be:

- A project that culminates in a presentation.
- A research paper.
- A reflective writing assignment.
- A multi-step project compiled into a portfolio.
- Several small writing assignments or essay questions.
- An ungraded essay question on a test.
- Several test questions that target the learning outcomes.

Modifying an existing assignment or creating a new assignment

If you are unsure about how your course lends itself to an appropriate signature assignment:

- You can attend an AdvantaGE migration workshop.
- You can ask for guidance from the appropriate domain subcommittee of the General Education Committee.
- Alternatively, if you choose to use artificial intelligence to help you design such an assignment, the [Center for Innovation in Teaching Excellence](#) has created a ChatGPT coach to assist with learning outcome alignment. (To access the coach from the CITE website > Resources > Artificial Intelligence (AI) > [Outcomes and Objectives Coach \(ChatGPT\)](#))

If you use the coach as a tool in assignment modification/creation, the following prompts will assist you:

- Input your existing assignment and the domain learning outcomes and ask the ChatGPT coach to identify how the assignment aligns with those learning outcomes. Then ask if the assignment can be assessed using the domain rubric. Ask for suggestions if there are any gaps.
- Input your existing assignment and the domain learning outcomes and ask the ChatGPT coach to generate a few assignment options like the example you have provided that align with the learning outcomes.
- If you do not have an existing assignment that you want to use as a starting point, you can enter the prompt: *“Please create an assignment for a ___ <your course name>___ class that would align with the following learning outcomes: <copy and paste the domain learning outcomes>.”*
 - From there, you can ask for additional ideas or can fine tune the assignment so that it works well for your class. You can specify that you need the assignment to work well for a large lecture, lab, studio, or online class.