VALUE Scoring Collaborative

is a nationwide effort to change the conversation about higher education quality and assessment to help educators use evidence of learning outcomes to improve student success. Through this initiative, our team of certified expert scorers evaluate student work using widely accepted standards for AAC&U's VALUE (Valid Assessment of Learning in Undergraduate Education) rubrics.

Any higher education institution, department, program, consortium, or provider can participate. Collaborators upload samples of their students' work to a secure digital repository for assessment by certified scorers, and then we generate a tailored report of the results to inform decisions around teaching and learning.



8
VALUE rubrics

63,000+
Artifacts scored





171
Colleges & universities

Students matter.

"Our faculty members have shared the rubrics with students to help them see what different levels of learning look like."

–David Switzer, St. Cloud State University

Instructors matter.

"By using the VALUE rubrics . . . we have really changed the tenor of assessment from one of 'policing' faculty teaching practices to enriching conversations about teaching and learning and how assessment can inform those conversations."

–D. Alexis Hart, Allegheny College

Assignments matter.

"The focus on sampling work that faculty assign and students complete . . . allowed us to highlight the faculty role in assessing student learning while creating spaces for faculty to learn more about assessment and assignment design."

–Jeanne Mullaney, Community College of Rhode Island

VALUE approach to assessment

The VALUE approach to assessment is both evidence-based and evidence-generating. It is a methodologically sound, authentic, and creative response to the need for direct evidence of the quality of student learning across critical skills and abilities associated with success in life and work.

Rather than a standardized test divorced from the curriculum, the VALUE Scoring Collaborative bases assessment of student learning achievement on the actual work that students produce in response to assignments from the curriculum or co-curriculum. We can score **text-based artifacts** (e.g., essays, reflections, posters) ***and*** (as of 2025) **video artifacts.**

VALUE rubrics

VALUE's 16 rubrics measure progress toward broadly shared essential learning outcomes. These open educational resources outline four levels of performance, with higher scores denoting increasingly complex and sophisticated levels of proficiency expected of undergraduate students.

Pricing	Member	Non-member
First set of 100 artifacts (one outcome, one AY)	$6,000	$8,000
For each additional set of 100 artifacts (same AY, any outcome)	$3,000	$4,500

Eight key outcomes

The VALUE Scoring Collaborative and our certified, expert scorers can assist colleges and universities in assessing student learning across **eight** essential outcomes:

- Civic Engagement
- Critical Thinking
- Ethical Reasoning
- Global Learning
- Integrative Learning
- Intercultural Knowledge & Competence
- Quantitative Literacy
- Written Communication

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