What are they?

VALUE (Valid Assessment of Learning in Undergraduate Education) is a campus-based assessment initiative sponsored by the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U) as part of its Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP) initiative. VALUE rubrics or scoring guides provide needed tools to assess students' own authentic work, produced across their diverse learning progressions and institutions, to determine whether and how well students are meeting graduation level achievement in learning outcomes that both employers and faculty consider essential.

How were they developed?

Teams of faculty and other educational professionals from institutions across the country—two- and four-year, private and public, research and liberal arts, large and small—developed rubrics for sixteen Essential Learning Outcomes that all students need for success in work, citizenship, and life. The VALUE rubrics are being used to help institutions demonstrate, share, and assess student accomplishment of progressively more advanced and integrative learning.

Who uses them?

Since their release in the fall of 2009, the rubrics have become a widely referenced and utilized form of assessment on campuses across the United States and internationally. As of December 2015, the rubrics have been accessed by more than 42,000 individuals from more than 4,200 unique institutions, including more than 2,800 colleges and universities. The VALUE rubrics have also been approved for use in meeting national standards for accountability established by the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA).

What areas do they assess?

The VALUE rubrics include:

- Inquiry and Analysis
- Critical Thinking
- Creative Thinking
- Written Communication
- Oral Communication
- Quantitative Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Reading
- Teamwork
- Problem Solving
- Civic Knowledge and Engagement
  - Local and Global, Intercultural Knowledge and Competence, Ethical Reasoning and Action, Global Learning, Foundations and Skills for Lifelong Learning, and Integrative Learning.

Most importantly: How can you use them for assessment? Easy! You can download them and use all or part of each individual rubric. You can add/change or edit them to personalize them for your program or need.

Download Rubrics

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