Learning Objectives

What are *learning objectives*?
Learning Objectives articulate the knowledge and skills you want students to acquire by the end of the course or after completing a particular assignment.

What are the benefits of *learning objectives*?
- Communicate your expectations to students
- Give students information to better direct their learning efforts and monitor their own progress
- Provide you a framework for selecting and organizing course content
- Guides your decisions about appropriate assessment and evaluation methods
- Provide a framework for selecting appropriate teaching and learning activities

What makes *learning objectives* clear and helpful?
- Should be student centered
- Should break down the task and focus on specific cognitive processes
- Should use action verbs to focus on concrete actions and behaviors that allow us to make student learning explicit and communicate to students the kind of intellectual effort we expect of them
- Should be measurable