

General Education Artifact Submission

FAQs

What is an artifact?

An artifact is a piece of work that a student has completed in one of your classes. Examples include the following: essays, exams, presentations, projects, etc.

Why does the General Education Committee want your artifacts?

The purpose of the General Education Committee is to promote quality and excellence in the design, implementation, and assessment of the general education component of Oklahoma City Community College's curriculum. In order to assess how students are doing in general education, the committee asks all faculty to submit artifacts from their students.

Which student artifacts are eligible?

Artifacts from students having completed at least 35 hours of OCCC courses are eligible for submission.

How will I know which students meet the requirement?

You will receive emails to let you know which students in your classes meet the 35-hour requirement.

Do I have to get permission from students to submit their work?

No, permission from students is not required. The artifacts are for internal assessment purposes only. The work is not published or made available anywhere else. FERPA guidelines are followed for on-campus usage. In addition, students already agree to the Assessment of Student Learning section in the Moodle list of institutional statements and policies.

What kinds of artifacts are needed?

There are five General Education outcomes at OCCC:

- Critical Thinking
- Human Heritage, Culture, and Institutions
- Mathematical Methods
- Public Speaking
- Writing

The General Education Committee needs artifacts from all five outcomes.

Can an artifact count in more than 1 area?

Yes, artifacts can count in more than 1 area. For instance, some artifacts could demonstrate Writing as well as Critical Thinking. Others could demonstrate Public Speaking and Human Heritage, Culture, and Institutions. There could be many possible combinations, and these are just some examples.

You can submit the same artifact to more than 1 database. For example, if an artifact relates to Writing and Critical Thinking, you could submit an artifact to the Writing database in Moodle and then also submit the same artifact to the Critical Thinking database.

What is Critical Thinking?

For this outcome, students will demonstrate the ability to think critically: to analyze, critique, and draw reasoned conclusions.

Please see the link below for more information about this outcome and sample artifacts: <http://www.occc.edu/institutionalcommittees/general/pdf/critical%20thinking%20outcome.pdf>

What is Human Heritage, Culture, and Institutions?

For this outcome, students will demonstrate an understanding of the ideas, values, and beliefs that shape global communities and the function of major social institutions in them.

Please see the link below for more information about this outcome and sample artifacts: <http://www.occc.edu/institutionalcommittees/general/pdf/HHCI%20outcome%20with%20examples.pdf>

What is Mathematical Methods?

For this outcome, students will demonstrate analytical reasoning and logic skills by using mathematical methods and tools.

Please see the link below for more information about this outcome and sample artifacts: <http://www.occc.edu/institutionalcommittees/document/outcomemathematicalmethods.pdf>

What is Public Speaking?

For this outcome, students will demonstrate effective public speaking skills.

Please see the link below for more information about this outcome and sample artifacts: <http://www.occc.edu/institutionalcommittees/document/outcomepublicspeaking.pdf>

What is Writing?

For this outcome, students will demonstrate effective writing skills.

Please see the link below for more information about this outcome and sample artifacts: <http://www.occc.edu/institutionalcommittees/document/outcomewriting.pdf>

What do I do if I want to know if a particular assignment will work as an artifact for one of the General Education outcomes?

For information about a particular assignment's ability to work as a General Education artifact, please contact the Faculty Co-Chair of the General Education Committee.

Ernest Gobert, Professor of Mathematics, is the Faculty Co-Chair of the General Education Committee, egobert@occc.edu.

How are the artifacts assessed?

The General Education Committee will create interdisciplinary teams with members from multiple divisions. Each team will consist of three to six members, typically faculty. Once a year these teams will evaluate the artifacts. The results from each team are compiled by the Faculty Co-Chair of the Gen Ed Committee and shared with the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the members of the Gen Ed committee, and the OCCC faculty. Developed rubrics will provide common criteria for assessing artifacts gathered from various courses.

For more information about the rubrics, please visit the following link: <http://www.occc.edu/institutionalcommittees/general/outcomerubrics.html>

What if I have other questions about the General Education Committee or General Education artifacts?

For more information, please visit the General Education Committee webpage: <http://www.occc.edu/institutionalcommittees/general/index.html>

You can also contact Ernest Gobert, the Faculty Co-Chair of the General Education Committee, egobert@occc.edu.

What if I need technical assistance with submitting artifacts to Moodle?

Please contact the Center for Learning and Teaching for technical assistance with Moodle.

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