

RSA Sample Course Objectives

Course objectives are useful for the instructor to organize your plans for the semester. They are also useful if a parent wants more information about the course, you can simply send your objectives document over. This does not have to be really complicated

Course objectives are different from the course description as it is a concrete list of things you will do. Objectives use action verbs such as:

- write
- recite
- identify
- sort
- solve
- construct
- build
- compare

Objectives also include the measurement or assessment used.

This can be done as a list:

“Students will learn to write a classic 5 paragraph essay.

Students will learn to write “hook” introductions.

Students will learn to use narrative, persuasive, and descriptive essays.

Students will demonstrate these goals by writing 4 complete essays for their portfolios.”

“In this course students will learn the following crochet techniques:

- cast on
- turn at the end of a row

- crochet in the round
- increase and decrease
- single, double, treble stitches
- bind off
- finish ends
- read a basic crochet chart
- read basic crochet written pattern

Students will demonstrate these skills by making a bunny, a monster, a snowflake, and a rubber duck.”

Or, objectives can be written in sentences as a paragraph:

“This course will cover 11 different animals from 4 continents and 5 major biomes. Students will create an arts/crafts piece each week and be able to verbally explain what the weekly animal is, where they live, and which biome they represent. To make the weekly art pieces, the students will demonstrate cutting skills, aligning pieces according to a pattern, using appropriate amounts of glue, braiding yarn, and using a stapler safely.”

Objectives can also be project based:

“In weeks 6-9, students will solve the problem of building a self-propelled car. They will use principles such as wind power and harnessed kinetic energy to build prototypes and determine which method is most efficient. The students will demonstrate their ability to measure and keep graphs while performing this experiment.”