

COLLEGIATE LEARNING ASSESSMENT (CLA)

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WHAT IS THE CLA?

- ◎ The CLA is an assessment of your critical thinking and writing skills.
- ◎ So what is critical thinking?
- ◎ Critical thinking is a organized manner of thought. These skills help you judge the quality of something. It could be anything - a book, a recipe, a news story!
- ◎ Depending on the “task” you are assigned, you will have 75 or 90 minutes to finish.
- ◎ This assessment is completed on-line.

WHAT DO I DO?

- ◎ When you respond to the task(s), be skeptical, be specific, be strategic, be savvy ... and, most importantly, be serious!
 - Skeptical - Not all data is useful; some is unimportant
 - Specific - Use the evidence for your conclusions
 - Strategic - Use ALL support available
 - Savvy - Make sure you are doing what is being asked of you
 - Serious - Always try your best ... it pays off both in college and the “real world!”

WHAT IS IN IT FOR ME?

- ◎ This assessment will prepare you for what to expect during your college experience at NSU.
- ◎ It will help with your awareness of critical thinking skills and how to use them in ALL your classes at NSU.
- ◎ The #1 criteria employers cite when hiring is the ability for a potential employee to think critically. You will be applying for a position within an organization one day!
- ◎ You will receive your scores in a report during the spring semester.

TASK EXAMPLES

- If you are interested in seeing the type(s) of task you will have to complete, click the following:
www.cae.org/content/pro_collegiate_sample_measures.htm
- Thanks for your time and if you have any questions, please talk with your professor or with me.

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