

## Example: Align Learning Objectives

**Course:** Anthropology of Development in Africa

**Level:** Undergraduate

### Set-Up

Prompts sent before first class through Microsoft Forms so I could see the answers and incorporate their ideas in the introduction to the course.

### Coming of Age in Africa: Pre-course reflection

In this course you will be working on many different learning goals. I want to help you to track your progress and I want to design the learning experience as best I can to match your various interests and needs. So before we begin the course I would like you to please complete this questionnaire. It takes a good hour at least to do thoughtfully.

Please note that I will see your answers, so only write things you are willing to share with me. It will be your choice whether you want to share these reflections with classmates in our class discussions.

This reflection has 3 parts:  
Part 1: Imagining Africa  
Part 2: Make this Your course  
Part 3: Additional reflections and Instructions for the first class

I hope you enjoy reflecting on the series of questions below and that it gets you excited to start!

### Further down the form...

### Make this Your course

I have set out many learning objectives/goals for this course that I hope you will develop. I am going to focus on **3** of the key ones. For each I would like you to think about:

1-why this might be useful for you (personally) to learn,  
2-how much you already know,  
3-how you think you could best learn,  
and 4-how you can assess your progress.

I am also providing you with a space to come up with your own.

The more detail and careful thinking you do here the better (for your learning!)

## Results

Below are examples of students' reflections on the Learning Objective: "learn about human development challenges through anthropology, specifically a country case study and ethnographic inquiry"

### Why might this be important/useful to you?

"I'm suppose to start my thesis this semester. My thesis topic is somewhat related to the African Region but I do need to focus on one specific country so that the topic is not too wide. I believe that this will be very helpful towards that goal, specifically if I focus on one specific country and get to learn a lot from it."

### How much do you already know? What do you still need to learn?

"I am not familiar with anthropology at all...I have a lot to learn and discover I guess!"

### How do you think you could learn this during this course?

"By reading and critically engaging with papers that apply this type ethnographic inquiry as well as having discussions with people who have experience in such research."

### How can you keep track of your progress?

"I can track my progress by making a document with all the information related to my chosen country and how it is related to different anthropological methods and ethnographic work."