

Departmental Outcomes Assessment Report



For: Social Sciences

I've attached your outcomes assessment report, which contains Winter term – the first term you've had the opportunity to do departmental assessment. For Winter term, of the six sub-outcomes, one was assessed in two different sections. 102 assessments were done – Thank you!

The overall assessment shows that 68 assessments for students over 44 credits (2nd year students) were 94% successful, while those under 45 (38 assessments) were 88% successful. The average GPA is lower, so the standard for the assessments may need to be investigated further, since that is where you will look to find areas for improvement.

Realizing that we are at the very beginning, there still may not be enough of a sample size to have much confidence in the results. With the consistency of the success data, you may want to consider selecting a “focus outcome” and develop strategies to improve on that outcome for 2015-16 then after next year, see if the data show improvement. This determination can wait for the spring term results come in, but now is a good time to contemplate how the data can be used. Obviously, the numbers are not very helpful for this right now...

As you look at the results, both individually and as a department, please start the conversation to address the following points. We can wrap up the conversation at the end of the year or the beginning of next (when we have spring term results):

1. Do the data adequately inform student success on the learning outcomes and sub-outcomes?
2. Do the data combine with the outcomes and sub-outcomes to present an accurate aggregate picture of student learning?
3. Are the outcomes “actionable?” That is, once you are provided with adequate data, how confident are you that the results will show and then guide instructional/curricular improvements?

Year and Term: Winter, 2015

SS-2 - Apply knowledge and experience critically so as to realize an informed sense of self, family, community, and the diverse social world in which we live.

SS-2.C - An opportunity for students to apply course knowledge and skills to their personal, social or professional lives.

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Course Assessed: GEOG120-01

Course Assessed: SOC204-01

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