Mission Statement 
Orients you to what the program is about and what it offers.

Learning Outcomes 
Tells you what you’ll know and what skills you’ll have when you finish the program.

Curriculum Map 
Shows where and when you have opportunities to achieve the learning outcomes.

Assessment 
Provides data about what is and isn’t helping students as a group achieve the learning outcomes.

Action Plans 
Identifies steps for improving students’ learning.

AY 18-19 WSU Program Assessment Highlights for Students

Assessment FAQs

WHAT IS PROGRAM ASSESSMENT?
A data-informed continuous improvement process to enhance programs so students will be more successful.

WHERE DO DATA COMMONLY COME FROM?
- Course assignments
- Exams
- Survey responses, interviews, focus groups
- Student publications and conference presentations

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE DATA?
Faculty and staff analyze the assessment data and identify ways to improve student learning. They report anonymous, aggregated results to stakeholders like you, through meetings, newsletters, websites, etc.

WHAT ARE SOME COMMON IMPROVEMENTS?
- Add tutoring, review sessions or rubrics that clarify assignments
- Change how, when, or how many topics are covered in a course or program
- Purchase updated equipment or materials

Get Involved

In 2018-2019, students helped revise the Gen Ed rubrics for DEI, QE and SI courses, led focus groups in programs like English and Medical Education, and served on the University Assessment Council and departmental curriculum and assessment committees. Ask your department how you can get involved!

For more information, visit: wayne.edu/assessment
WSU Assessment’s mission is to engage faculty, staff, administrators, and students from academic and co-curricular/student services programs in an effective, sustainable process of continuous program improvement that enhances students’ learning throughout their time at Wayne State.

AVAILABLE SUPPORT - NEW

- Gen Ed Program Assessment website tutorials and presentations
- Customized Gen Ed assessment workshops for departments
- Gen Ed rubrics in Canvas to facilitate data submission for faculty
- Upgrade from Compliance Assist to Planning

AVAILABLE SUPPORT - ONGOING

- Assessment grants and travel support
- Professional development workshops
- Individual and group consultations and feedback
- WSU Assessment website tutorials, resources, and examples
- Recognition efforts, including posters, an annual assessment luncheon, Today@Wayne stories, and campus communications from Provost Whitfield

ACTION PLAN FOR AY 19-20

To increase the quality of assessment planning, in 2019-2020 the Director of Assessment and the University Assessment Council will:

- Continue collaborating with OTL to offer professional development in aligning learning outcomes, course design, and assessment methods
- Encourage periodic data collection, analysis and interpretation to facilitate timely action planning and implementation of changes
- Continue to review learning outcomes to provide feedback to programs

WSU Assessment's Learning Outcomes and Program Goals

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