



**Middle Georgia
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Middle Georgia State University Academic Program Assessment

Instructions. This form collects assessment information for all academic programs at Middle Georgia State University. Program directors, chairs, or deans, should submit one form each year (or semester) for each academic program and for each site the academic program is offered (https://www.mga.edu/institutional-research/docs/Programs_by_Location.pdf) (i.e. if a program is offered in Macon and Cochran, separate assessments unique to the students enrolled at each location should be submitted). It is essential that improvements based on the assessment are also clearly identified and that the department keeps evidence of those improvements (i.e. new exams, syllabi, instructional tools) when an improvement is identified and implemented. Major changes to curriculum must go through the Academic Affairs process. Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) should match the Assessment Plan and Curriculum Maps found here:

<https://www.mga.edu/provost/program-histories.php>; if they don't please contact OIRDS to update them.

NOTE: All fields are required, please place NA or O in response field ONLY if SLO is not being utilized, otherwise full responses are required. Provide ALL necessary information requested to the fullest extent possible, such that a peer reviewer is not required to assume any information not provided. Utilize the provided assessment scoring rubric drafting guideline to evaluate your report prior to submission.

https://www.mga.edu/institutional-research/docs/IEB_Academic_Program,_Student_Support,_Advising_Scoring_Card.pdf

****Please SUBMIT the form within 30 minutes of opening this page. If you wait too long to submit you may lose your work**** In the event that you need to edit your submission, you may contact the Director of Institutional Effectiveness to secure a custom link to edit and resubmit.

Q1. Submitters Email

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Q2. For which program is this assessment being submitted? An academic program for this purpose is defined as a major within a degree program (i.e. Bachelor of Arts with a major in English, Bachelor of Science with a major in Chemistry, Associates in Occupational Therapy Assistant).

Bachelor of Arts with a major in History

Q3. For which campus is this program assessment being submitted? Note: A separate assessment report is needed for each location a program is offered.

Cochran

Macon

- Eastman
- Dublin
- Warner Robins
- Online

Q4. In which College is this program located?

- Arts and Letters
- Aviation
- Health and Natural Sciences
- Business
- Computing
- Education and Behavioral Sciences

Q5. Program Type

- Graduate
- Undergraduate
- Certificate

Q6. Which semester were the data collected and analyzed? If across multiple semesters, select the latest semester of data.

- Summer 2022
- Fall 2022
- Spring 2023

Q7. Approximately how many students are enrolled in this program at this location?

80

8. SLO 1: What is the first Student Learning Outcome for this support area? Student Learning Outcomes should be stated in measurable terms (i.e. students will be able to.....)

Students will recognize and explain the historical context of political, social, economic, and institutional developments across the globe.

9. SLO 1: What instrument (assessment type) was used to measure student's ability to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. test, survey, etc) and provide specific details of the instrument (e.g. name, content areas, link etc.)

Essay

10. SLO 1: What target performance level would a student need to achieve on the assessment instrument to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. 80% of all students will earn an average grade of 75% or better on....)

70% of students will earn a grade of 70% or better

11. SLO 1: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

past performance data

12. SLO 1: During this assessment cycle, what percent of the students who participated in this assessment demonstrated mastery of this learning outcome? (this should be a number between 0-100)

83

13. SLO 1: Improvement Plans and Evidence of Changes Based on Performance Analysis: How does the analysis of students' performance on this Student Learning Outcome inform the implementation of improvement plans, and what evidence is collected and documented to support these changes?

Target was met.

14. SLO 2: What is the second Student Learning Outcome for this support area? Student Learning Outcomes should be stated in measurable terms (i.e. students will be able to.....)

Students will recognize and explain the historical context of political, social, economic, and institutional developments in the United States.

15. SLO 2: What instrument (assessment type) was used to measure student's ability to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. test, survey, etc) and provide specific details of the instrument (e.g. name, content areas, link etc.)

Essay

16. SLO 2: What target performance level would a student need to achieve on the assessment instrument to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. 80% of all students will earn an average grade of 75% or better on....)

70% of students will earn a grade of 70% or better

17. SLO 2: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

past performance data

18. SLO 2: During this assessment cycle, what percent of the students who participated in this assessment demonstrated mastery of this learning outcome? (this should be a number between 0-100)

78

19. SLO 2: Improvement Plans and Evidence of Changes Based on Performance Analysis: How does the analysis of students' performance on this Student Learning Outcome inform the implementation of improvement plans, and what evidence is collected and documented to support these changes?

Although the target was met for SLO 2, it had our lowest rate of success. To address this, students in HIST 2111 and HIST 2112 will be provided more targeted feedback on written assignments, and be given at least one written assignment in the first five weeks of the course. In order to achieve targeted feedback, a rubric will be devised and adopted so that we can determine where the primary issues are and how they can be addressed.

20. SLO 3: What is the third Student Learning Outcome for this support area? Student Learning Outcomes should be stated in measurable terms (i.e. students will be able to.....)

Students will analyze source materials in historical context.

21. SLO 3: What instrument (assessment type) was used to measure student's ability to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. test, survey, etc) and provide specific details of the instrument (e.g. name, content areas, link etc.)

Essay

22. SLO 3: What target performance level would a student need to achieve on the assessment instrument to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. 80% of all students will earn an average grade of 75% or better on.....)

70% of students will earn a grade of 70% or better

23. SLO 3: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

past performance data

24. SLO 3: During this assessment cycle, what percent of the students who participated in this assessment demonstrated mastery of this learning outcome? (this should be a number between 0-100)

90

25. SLO 3: Improvement Plans and Evidence of Changes Based on Performance Analysis: How does the analysis of students' performance on this Student Learning Outcome inform the implementation of improvement plans, and what evidence is collected and documented to support these changes?

Target was met.

26. SLO 4: What is the fourth Student Learning Outcome for this support area? Student Learning Outcomes should be stated in measurable terms (i.e. students will be able to.....)

Students will construct a research paper based on a combination of primary and secondary sources.

27. SLO 4: What instrument (assessment type) was used to measure student's ability to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. test, survey, etc) and provide specific details of the instrument (e.g. name, content areas, link etc.)

Essay

28. SLO 4: What target performance level would a student need to achieve on the assessment instrument to demonstrate mastery of this learning outcome? (i.e. 80% of all students will earn an average grade of 75% or better on....)

70% of students will earn a grade of 70% or better

29. SLO 4: Provide details for your target performance level established (i.e. accreditation requirement, past performance data, peer program review, etc)

past performance data

30. SLO 4: During this assessment cycle, what percent of the students who participated in this assessment demonstrated mastery of this learning outcome? (this should be a number between 0-100)

92

31. SLO 4: Improvement Plans and Evidence of Changes Based on Performance Analysis: How does the analysis of students' performance on this Student Learning Outcome inform the implementation of improvement plans, and what evidence is collected and documented to support these changes?

Target was met.

Q41. List each program concentration or track within the larger academic program and clearly articulate the expected learning outcomes. (If distinct note them distinctly, if common restate).

Secondary Education Outcome: Students will understand best practices in the respective concentration. Public History Outcome: Students will understand best practices in the respective concentration. Documentary Film Outcome: Students will understand best practices in the respective concentration.

Q42. How do you collect and report data on the achievement of these learning outcomes for each program concentration or track?

Secondary Education Students will prove their ability to understand best practices though a written assessment. Faculty report data to department chair and/or Secondary Education program coordinator Target: 70% of students will earn 70% or better on the written assignment. Public History Students will prove their ability to understand best practices though a written assessment. Faculty report data to department chair and/or Secondary Education program coordinator Target: 70% of students will earn 70% or better on the written assignment. Documentary Film Students will prove their ability to understand best practices though a written assessment. Faculty report data to department chair and/or Secondary Education program coordinator Target: 70% of students will earn 70% or better on the written assignment.

Q43. Report and analyze the learning outcomes associated with each program concentration or track

Secondary Education: 85% of students successfully completed the written assignment with a 70% or better. Target for the outcome in the Secondary Education concentration was met. Public History: 87% of students successfully completed the written assignment with a 70% or better. Target for the outcome in the Secondary Education concentration was met. Documentary Film: No students enrolled in this concentration Initiative: Develop and implement a plan to advertise and increase enrollment in the Documentary Film concentration. The History Assessment Committee next cycle will be examining specific SLO's relative to each track in the History program for possible revision.

32. How many students participated in the assessment of these learning outcomes, in this program, for this assessment cycle at this location? (Provide Number)

70

33. Based on your goals and objectives listed above please indicate their connection with MGA's Strategic Plan (https://www.mga.edu/about/docs/Strategic_Plan_Overall_DB.pdf) by checking all associated and relevant Imperatives / Strategies from the list below. (Check all the apply)

- Grow Enrollment with Purpose 1. Expand and enrich the face to face student experience
- Grow Enrollment with Purpose 2. Expand and enrich online instruction into new markets
- Own Student Success 3. Develop academic pipelines and expand degrees
- Own Student Success 4. Expand student engagement and experiential learning
- Build Shared Culture 5. Attract talent and enhance employee development and recognition
- Build Shared Culture 6. Sustain financial health through resourceful fiscal management
- Build Shared Culture 7. Cultivate engagement with its local communities

34. Please indicate which of the following actions you have taken as a result of the 2021/2022 Assessment Cycle (Note: These actions are documented in reports, memos, emails, meeting minutes, or other directives within the reporting area)(Check all the apply)

- Disseminating/Discussing Assessment Results/Feedback to Appropriate Members of the Campus Community
- Disseminating/Discussing Assessment Results/Feedback to Appropriate External Stakeholders
- Faculty or Staff Support: Professional Development Activities, Trainings, Workshops, Technical Assistance
- Process Changes: Improve, Expand, Refine, Enhance, Discontinue, etc Operational Processes
- Request for Additional Financial or Human Resources
- Customer Service Changes: Communication, Services, etc
- Making Improvements to Teaching Approach, Course Design, Curriculum, Scheduling, other
- Evaluating and/or Revising the Reporting Lines Internal Assessment Processes
- Other

35. Please indicate (if appropriate) any local, state, or national initiatives (academic or otherwise) that are influential in the operations, or goals, and objectives of your unit. (Complete College Georgia, USG High Impact Practice Initiative, LEAP, USG Momentum Year, Low-Cost No-Cost Books, etc)

Working with regionally-based stakeholders, we are in the process of developing meaningful relationships that will enhance the Department's community outreach and further develop the Public History program. This will assist the department in enrollment and retention by providing career-oriented programming with area stakeholders. The department is currently in the process of developing relationships with the Museum of Aviation and 21st Century Partnership in Warner Robins.

36. Please provide a comprehensive narrative outlining how assessment results are utilized for continuous improvement in this field. Your narrative should address the past, present, and future aspects of assessment, with specific emphasis on how these results inform decision-making and drive improvement efforts.

In the Prior Cycle Initiative AY 22, we targeted SLO 3. In HIST 2000, students were assigned general area of focus from which to develop a research proposal, which will permit more detailed analysis of source material in historical context. In AY 23 analysis, the target for SLO 3 was met with 88% demonstrating mastery and no further changes were deemed necessary for the upcoming cycle. While SLO 2 was met, it had our lowest rate of success. To address SLO 2 performance, the New Cycle Initiative for AY 24 will be that students will be given at least one written assignment in the first five weeks of the course. In order to achieve targeted feedback, a rubric will be devised and adopted so that we can determine where the primary issues are and how they can be addressed.

37. Optional: The following upload portal is available to supplement your report with supportive documentation should you wish to provide any (instruments, data, etc).