Assessment: Course Four Column

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El Camino: Course SLOs (HUM) - Academic Strategies

ECC: AS 20 :Prewriting Workshop

Course SLOs Assessment Method Description SLO #1 - Given an in-class essay assignment, students will use various pre-writing strategies to generate ideas for writing a college-level essay. Course SLO Status: Active Assessment Method Description Essay/Written Assignment - Students will write a paragraph on a specific subject with a clearly defined topic sentence, support material, and a conclusion. Results Semester and Year Assessment (Spring 2016) Standard Met?: Standard Met Of the 16 students evaluated, 14 This course was taught by a facult	Actions
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not represent the whole picture. To

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continue to ensure student success, the division should continue to offer more basic skills courses. (06/11/2015)

Action Category: Program/College

Support

Follow-Up: The Humanities Division is in the process of a consistency project, the ultimate aim of which is to make certain that students in basic skills writing classes (e.g., ENGL B and ENGL A) are achieving standard measurable goals. New and innovative basic skills classes and approaches (e.g., ENGL 50 and FYE/LC courses) are also being tried. The Academic Strategies instructors and English instructors are communicating throughout, in hitherto unprecedented ways, trying to develop ways to integrate the two departments classes in their resepective programs whenever and however possible. (09/15/2016)

Action: While these results are very satisfactory, in the future we will assess 100% of students rather than a 25% random sampling because with so few students evaluated we may not be getting the whole picture. (06/11/2015)

Action Category: SLO/PLO

Assessment Process

Follow-Up: 100% of enrolled students in Spring 2016, 16 students in only one section (4012), were assessed this year. (09/15/2016)

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SLO #2 - Given an in-class essay assignment, students will write a thesis statement that includes a topic and an opinion or point about the topic.

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18 (Spring 2018)

Input Date: 12/10/2013

Essay/Written Assignment -

Students will write a paragraph on a specific subject with a clearly defined topic sentence, support material, and a conclusion.

Standard and Target for Success:

70%

Semester and Year Assessment Conducted: 2015-16 (Spring 2016)

Standard Met?: Standard Met

Of the 16 students evaluated, 14 (88%) met the standard. This course was taught by a faculty member who has since retired and left no analysis of the data, though in future assessments, current faculty will be able to generate analysis of success rates. (09/15/2016)

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Action: The Humanities Division is in

Action Category: Curriculum

Changes

Action: While these results are very satisfactory, in the future we will assess 100% of students rather than a 25% random sampling because with so few students evaluated we may not be getting the whole picture. (06/11/2015)

Action Category: SLO/PLO

Assessment Process

Follow-Up: 100% of students (16) enrolled in the only Spring 2016 AS 20 course (4012) were assessed. (09/15/2016)

SLO #3 - Given an in-class essay assignment, students will provide

Essay/Written Assignment -Students will write a paragraph on a **Semester and Year Assessment Conducted:** 2015-16

Action: The Humanities Division is in

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Changes

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Action Category: SLO/PLO

Assessment Process

Follow-Up: This year, 100% of the students enrolled (16) in the only section of AS 20 offered (4012) were evaluated. (09/15/2016)

ECC: AS 22 : Vocabulary Building for College Students

Course SLOs

SLO #1 - Given worksheets and inclass tests the students will demonstrate the appropriate use of a thesaurus. A two part final exam thesaurus in identifying and correctly using denotations, connotations and euphemisms.

Course SLO Status: Active Course SLO Assessment Cycle: 2013-14 (Spring 2014), 2014-15 (Spring 2015), 2015-16 (Spring 2016), 2016-17 (Spring 2017), 2017-18 (Spring 2018)

Input Date: 12/10/2013

Assessment Method Description

Exam/Test/Quiz - Corrected worksheets with the use of a that generates two scores. The students must identify the roots, prefixes and suffixes in a given word for one score then identify the word's meaning for the other. This is a fill-in and multiple choice test. The scores from the other four tests and the two scores from the final exam are averaged together and must be 70% or better.

Standard and Target for Success: 70% success rate on worksheets

Results

Semester and Year Assessment Conducted: 2015-16 (Spring 2016)

Standard Met?: Standard Met

88% (35 of the 38) participating students succeeded and showed competence in the use of a thesaurus. Weekly inclass Thesaurus Day worksheet assignments provided thorough practice in thesaurus usage which likely led to the students' ability to use a thesaurus correctly on the final exam. In earlier years, in-class exercises were mostly word games. (09/15/2016)

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Actions

Action: Due to the complete turnover in instructors in the AS program in general and for this course in particular, the SLOs should be reconsidered. (09/14/2017)

Action Category: SLO/PLO **Assessment Process**

Action: Maintain performance of students at a level of 70%. (06/15/2017)

Action Category: Teaching

Strategies

Follow-Up: Current teaching approaches related to this SLO should be maintained. Although the percentage of students who achieved this SLO fell from the previous annual assessment, 88% was still substantially above the target standard. Because of the inconsistent skill/functioning levels of students in the AS program, raising the target standard would not be an idea that could benefit the students or the program. (09/15/2016)

SLO #2 - Given worksheets and inclass tests the students will demonstrate the appropriate use of a level dictionary. A two part final dictionary as it relates to multiple meanings and the etymology of words.

Course SLO Status: Active Course SLO Assessment Cycle: 2013-14 (Spring 2014), 2014-15 (Spring 2015), 2015-16 (Spring 2016), 2016-

Exam/Test/Quiz - Corrected worksheets with the use of a college exam that generates two scores. The students must identify the roots, prefixes and suffixes in a given word for one score then identify the word's meaning for the other. This is a fill-in and multiple choice test. The scores from the other four tests

Semester and Year Assessment Conducted: 2015-16 (Spring 2016)

Standard Met?: Standard Met

88% (35 of the 38) participating students succeeded and showed competence in the use of a dictionary for this purpose. Weekly in-class Dictionary Day worksheet assignments provided thorough practice in thesaurus usage which likely led to the students' ability to use a dictionary correctly on the final exam. In earlier years, in-class exercises were mostly word games. (09/15/2016)

Action: Due to the complete turnover in instructors in the AS program in general and for this course in particular, the SLOs should be reconsidered. (09/14/2017)

Action Category: SLO/PLO **Assessment Process**

Follow-Up: Current teaching approaches related to this SLO

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17 (Spring 2017), 2017-18 (Spring 2018) Input Date: 12/10/2013	the two scores from the final exam are averaged together and must be 70% or better. Standard and Target for Success: 70% success rate on worksheets.	Faculty Assessment Leader: Brent Isaacs Faculty Contributing to Assessment: Brent Isaacs	should be maintained. Although the percentage of students who achieved this SLO fell from the previous annual assessment, 88% was still substantially above the target standard. Because of the inconsistent skill/functioning levels of students in the AS program, raising the target standard would not be an idea that could benefit the students or the program. (09/15/2016)
SLO #3 - Given worksheets and inclass tests the students will recall and use major roots and affixes to decipher and define unfamiliar words. Course SLO Status: Active Course SLO Assessment Cycle: 2013-14 (Spring 2014), 2014-15 (Spring 2015), 2015-16 (Spring 2016), 2016-17 (Spring 2017), 2017-18 (Spring 2018) Input Date: 12/10/2013	Exam/Test/Quiz - Final exam. A two part final exam that generates two scores. The students must identify the roots, prefixes and suffixes in a given word for one score then identify the word's meaning for the other. This is a fill-in and multiple choice test. The scores from the other four tests and the two scores from the final exam are averaged together and must be 70% or better.	Semester and Year Assessment Conducted: 2015-16 (Spring 2016) Standard Met?: Standard Met 85% (34 of the 40) achieved this SLO. As the sole instructor for this course, I chose a textbook with a heavy emphasis on word etymology, which likely contributed to the raise in the program's success rates in this SLO and the meeting of the standard by both sections as opposed to in previous assessments. (09/24/2014) Faculty Assessment Leader: Brent Isaacs Faculty Contributing to Assessment: Brent Isaacs	Action: This is the one SLO that should not be considered for an updating or rewriting, especially in light of the the current textbook assignment and renewed emphasis on word etymology (i.e., prefixes, suffixes, and roots), which at current accounts for 50% of the course grade between weekly quizzes and the firexam. (09/15/2016) Action Category: Teaching

Standard and Target for Success: 70% success rate on the final exam. sis rent rade final

Action Category: Teaching Strategies

Action: Maintain performance of students at a 70% level. (05/12/2016)

Action Category: Teaching

Strategies

Follow-Up: Current teaching approaches related to this SLO should be maintained. Although the percentage of students who achieved this SLO fell from the previous annual assessment, 88% was still substantially above the target standard. Because of the inconsistent skill/functioning levels of students in the AS

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			program, raising the target standard would not be an idea that could benefit the students or

the program. (09/15/2016)

ECC: AS 30 :Test-Taking Strategies

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ability to employ strategies for final's true/false question	Exam/Test/Quiz - Comprehensive final's true/false question section. Standard and Target for Success: 70%	n. (Spring 2016)	Action: Try to maintain the high achievement of SLOs for this course while allowing new PT instructors to teach it in the coming year. (09/14/2017) Action Category: Teaching Strategies
			Action: Maintain current methods, focus, and preparation. (09/05/201: Action Category: Teaching Strategies Follow-Up: Having only 1 course offered in Spring 2016, thus half the number of students (28one was not evaluated because he did not take the final, which was the assessment tool for this SLO-rather than the previously assessed year's 53) allowed for a greater focus on individual student's learning in the classroom. (09/15/2016)
SLO #2 - Students will exhibit an ability to employ strategies for answering multiple choice questions.	Exam/Test/Quiz - Comprehensive final's multiple choice question section.	Semester and Year Assessment Conducted: 2015-16 (Spring 2016) Standard Met?: Standard Met	Action: Try to maintain the high achievement of SLOs for this course while allowing new PT instructors to

Course SLO Status: Active Course SLO Assessment Cycle: 2013- 70% 14 (Spring 2014), 2015-16 (Spring 2016), 2016-17 (Spring 2017), 2017-

18 (Spring 2018)

Input Date: 12/10/2013

Standard and Target for Success:

Out of 27 students evaluated, 25 (93%) met the criteria for success at this SLO. Following a lecture on how to approach multiple choice test questions, four days of in class-practice of MC question exercises likely helped students succeed in

this SLO. (09/15/2016)

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while allowing new PT instructors to teach it in the coming year. (09/14/2017)

Action Category: Teaching

Strategies

Action: Maintain current methods, focus, and preparation. (09/05/2014)

Action Category: Teaching

Strategies

Follow-Up: Having only 1 course offered in Spring 2016, thus half

the number of students (28--one was not evaluated because he did not take the final, which was the assessment tool for this SLO-rather than the previously assessed year's 53) allowed for a greater focus on individual student's learning in the classroom. (09/15/2016)

SLO #3 - Students will be able to correlate an application of acquired knowledge on subjective test questions with linguistically and structurally appropriate answers.

Course SLO Status: Active Course SLO Assessment Cycle: 2013-14 (Spring 2014), 2015-16 (Spring 2016), 2016-17 (Spring 2017), 2017-

18 (Spring 2018)
Input Date: 12/10/2013

Exam/Test/Quiz - In-class essay exam.

Standard and Target for Success: 70%

Semester and Year Assessment Conducted: 2015-16 (Spring 2016)

Standard Met?: Standard Met

Out of 27 students evaluated, 25 (93%) met the criteria in achieving this SLO. Following a lecture on how to undestand and respond to essay/short-answer test question prompts, three days of in class-practice of writing subjectove test answers likely helped students succeed in this SLO. (09/15/2016)

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Action: Try to maintain the high achievement of SLOs for this course while allowing new PT instructors to teach it in the coming year. (09/14/2017)

Action Category: Teaching Strategies

Action: Spend an additional class on section practicing essay test writing

strategies. (09/05/2014)
Action Category: Teaching

Strategies

Follow-Up: The additionally planned class on essay test practice likely contributed to the improvement of students achieving this SLO in Spring 2016 (from 83% to 93%). (09/15/2016)

ECC: AS 36: Sentence Errors and Punctuation

Assessment Method Course SLOs Results **Actions** Description **SLO #1** - Demonstrate competent Essay/Written Assignment - Given Semester and Year Assessment Conducted: 2015-16 **Action:** To increase the achievement writing that is reasonably proficient in an in class writing prompt, students (Spring 2016) level of this SLO, which--while Standard Met?: Standard Met correct grammar skills. will each write a 250-500 word **Course SLO Status:** Active Of the 29 students evaluated, 22 (76%) met the standard. composition that will demonstrate Course SLO Assessment Cycle: 2013-With one of the course's two primary focuses being the student's grammar, sentence pre-requisite level of writing 14 (Spring 2014), 2014-15 (Spring skills, and punctuation skills. grammar skills, a reasonably high success rate is expected. 2015), 2015-16 (Spring 2016), 2016-

Standard and Target for Success:

70%

However, with approximately one quarter of students in every section of the course being either developmentally disabled students or ESL speakers, the more advanced grammar lessons prove out of reach for approximately that same 25% of students.

(09/15/2016)

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meeting the appropriate expected standard for an AS course that has no proficiency for enrollment--was notably lower than the other two SLOs, more focus on teaching and practicing of basic grammar skills needs to be done in class before the final exam, wherein students are assessed at their ability to integrate correct basic grammar into a short written paragraph. (09/14/2017) Action Category: Teaching

Strategies

Follow-Up: Given that no action was recommended for this SLO, no follow-up is possible. (09/15/2016)

SLO #2 - Demonstrate competent writing that is reasonably proficient in an in class writing prompt, students correct sentence structure.

17 (Spring 2017), 2017-18 (Spring

Input Date: 12/10/2013

2018)

Course SLO Status: Active Course SLO Assessment Cycle: 2013-14 (Spring 2014), 2014-15 (Spring 2015), 2015-16 (Spring 2016), 2016-17 (Spring 2017), 2017-18 (Spring 2018)

Input Date: 12/10/2013

Essay/Written Assignment - Given will each write a 250-500 word composition that will demonstrate the student's grammar, sentence skills, and punctuation skills.

Standard and Target for Success: 70%

Semester and Year Assessment Conducted: 2015-16 (Spring 2016)

Standard Met?: Standard Met

Of the 29 students evaluated, 26 (90%) met the standard. With one of the course's two primary focuses being sentence structure, a reasonably high success rate is expected. Because sentence structure skills are easier taught and understood than advanced grammar skills, even the one quarter of students in every section of the course that are identifiable as either developmentally disabled students or ESL speakers, the pass rate is higher than for SLO #1. (09/15/2016)

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Action: While the focus of class lessons on basic grammar to increase the achievement of SLO #1 (see current action plan, above) is being implemented in the coming year, it shouldn't come at the cost of this SLO's highest achievement rate (90%) in assessing students' ability to display proper sentence skills (i.e., idiomatically correct syntax). If the focus on grammar is improved successfully, it should be possible for students to continue displaying measurable achievement in syntactic skills. (09/14/2017)

Action Category: Teaching

Strategies

Action: No action recommended at this time (06/09/2016) Action Category: SLO/PLO Assessment Process

Follow-Up: Given that no action was recommended for this SLO, no follow-up is possible. (09/15/2016)

Action: Classes in grammar, sentence error, and punctuation should continue to be offered by the college, especially with the increased number of basic skills students who need these classes. (06/11/2015)

Action Category: Program/College

Support

SLO #3 - Demonstrate writing that is reasonably proficient in correct use of punctuation. **Essay/Written Assignment** - Given an in class writing prompt, students will each write a 250-500 word

Course SLO Status: Active Course SLO Assessment Cycle: 2013-14 (Spring 2014), 2014-15 (Spring 2015), 2015-16 (Spring 2016), 2016-17 (Spring 2017), 2017-18 (Spring 2018)

Input Date: 12/10/2013

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Essay/Written Assignment - Given an in class writing prompt, students will each write a 250-500 word composition that will demonstrate the student's grammar, sentence skills, and punctuation skills.

Standard and Target for Success:

Semester and Year Assessment Conducted: 2015-16 (Spring 2016)

Standard Met?: Standard Met

Of the 29 students evaluated, 24 (83%) met the standard. As complex as punctuation in English can be, it is relegated to a secondary or tertiary focus in any given section, so only more common and simple punctuation issues are addressed, explaining why the success rate for this SLO is higher than the SLO #1, which recieves much more lecture and assignment time in the eight-week course. (09/15/2016)

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Action: While the focus of class lessons on basic grammar to increase the achievement of SLO #1 (see current action plan, above) is being implemented in the coming year, it shouldn't come at the cost of this SLO's higher achievement rate (83%) in assessing students' ability to display proper punctuation usage. If the focus on grammar is improved successfully, it may be possible for students to continue displaying Professor Ansite's 2015-16 school year (re-)gains, as some punctuation skills should be inherently taught with proper grammatical constructions (e.g., correct comma usage before conjunctions, between dependent and independent clauses, in series adjectives). (09/14/2017)

Action Category: Teaching

Strategies

Actions

Action: While the standard was met, the slip in the percentage of students since last year in meeting the standard suggests more emphasis needs to be placed upon teaching punctuation in AS 36 so that the percentage students meeting the standard might also be in the 80s as they were for SLOs 1 and 2. (06/11/2015)

Action Category: Teaching Strategies

Follow-Up: Professor Ansite was able to meet her self-set goal of raising her students' achievement back into the 80th percentile (83%, to be exact). Her commitment to improving her students' success by improving her own teaching strategies will be sorely missed now that she has retired. (09/15/2016)