Journalism (BA)



Program-133

Annual Assessment Plan



JOUR PLO #2 - All journalistic mediums (ULO 4)

Students will research effectively, write correctly and clearly in forms and styles appropriate for the communication professions, audiences, and purposes they serve, and present images and information effectively via all journalistic mediums

Outcome(s)

1 Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

2 Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

3 Please Enter The Following Information Below:

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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
COMM 493 Senior Seminar Final Portfolio	80% of student portfolio work sample sections will earn a score of at least 3 out of 4 on the rubric	Every 3 years (2017)

Results - Please enter numeric results, indicating the number and percentage of student performance meeting the target. Record faculty discussion about the strengths and weaknesses in student performance. *Please see the May Development section on the Assessment of Student Learning website for suggestions about how to process assessment results.

No assessed in this cycle.

5	Action Plans - If student performance did not meet the target, identify specific improvement
	strategies to enact in the upcoming academic year. For example, add instruction on the topic,
	change an assignment, revise course requirements, revise objectives, identify additional
	support/resources for students.

Closing the Loop - If you entered action plans for the PLO last year, they will appear in the box below. Please explain what you did to accomplish the action plan this year, re-examine student performance, and determine the success of your action plan.

Last year: Not assessed this cycle.

Loop: N/A

3 Core PLO #3A - Communicate effectively (ULO 4)

Students will communicate effectively, ethically, and appropriately through writing, interaction, and speaking in public, interpersonal, and group contexts

Outcome(s)

1 Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

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Measures	Targets	Timeline

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COMM 105 Student Assessments	60 percent of students will respond with "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" when asked to assess whether the course helped them to accomplish each of the stated course objectives	Every 3 years
COMM 105 Informative Speech Assignment	TBD	Every 3 years
Capstone Research Project	75 percent of students in each major will earn a B or above on both the research presentation and research report	Every 3 years
Senior Survey item: 4.3 presenting ideas and	90 percent of respondents will rate 3.0 or 4.0 on each	Collected annually, analyzed every 3 years
information	item	

Not assessed in this cycle.

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Last year: May need to adjust measure for COMM 105 IDEA data; may also need to review assessment rotation schedule, as this objective appears to have been slated for last year's review.

Loop: The IDEA data does not appear to be particularly helpful, and it's difficult to collect, so it may need to be removed. The rotation schedule has been reviewed, but it may need to be updated when the new broadcasting and journalism program enters the assessment cycle.

Core PLO #1C - Construct discourse (ULO 2)

Students will construct discourse intended to inform, persuade, and entertain

Outcome(s)

1 Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

2 Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
COMM 341 Communication Theory interpersonal application paper	75 percent of students will earn a B or above on the assignment	Every 3 years (2017)

Measures	Targets	Timeline	
COMM 359 Rhetorical	75 percent of students will	Every 3 years (2017)	
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Not assessed in this cycle.

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Last year: Not assessed this cycle.

Loop: N/A

5 Core PLO #4 - Employment (ULO 5)

Articulate an awareness of options for employment in a communication-related field

Outcome(s)

Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.



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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline	
COMM 107 career reflection	90% of students will earn a B or higher on career reflection papers (content sections)	Every 3 years (2017)	
Senior Seminar Interview report – students interview a professional working in the field to learn more about the position, skills needed to succeed in the position, and how to obtain employment in the field	90% of students will earn a B or higher on content and personal reflection sections	Every 3 years (2017)	
Internship Reflection Paper	TBD	TBD	



Results - Please enter numeric results, indicating the number and percentage of student performance meeting the target. Record faculty discussion about the strengths and weaknesses in student performance. *Please see the May Development section on the Assessment of Student Learning website for suggestions about how to process assessment results.

Not assessed in this cycle.



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Last year: Not assessed this cycle.

Loop: N/A

6 Core PLO #1D - Ethical communication (ULO 2)

Students will articulate ethical communication principles and practices

Outcome(s)

1 Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

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There is no selected outcome.

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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

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Christian Faith Essay	75 percent of students will	Every 3 years (2017)	

Not assessed in this cycle.

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Last year: Not assessed this cycle.

Loop: N/A

Core PLO #5 - Faith (ULO 3)

Articulate how faith connects to the discipline and students' area of specialization in Communication

Outcome(s)

1 Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

2 Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
Communication and Faith assignment	90% of students in each major will earn a B or higher on the content sections of the essay	Every 3 years
Senior survey items: 3.4 faith integration and 4.4 developing values and ethical standards	90 percent of respondents will rate 3.0 or 4.0 on each item	Annually
Internship Reflection Paper	TBD	TBD

Results - Please enter numeric results, indicating the number and percentage of student performance meeting the target. Record faculty discussion about the strengths and weaknesses in student performance. *Please see the May Development section on the Assessment of Student Learning website for suggestions about how to process assessment results.

Not assessed in this cycle.

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Last year: Not assessed this cycle.

Loop: N/A

8 Core PLO #1B - Healthy relationships (ULO 2)

Students will explain how to form and maintain healthy relationships with diverse others

Outcome(s)

1 Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

2 Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
COMM 341 Communication Theory midterm and final exams	75 percent of students will earn a B or above on each exam	Every 3 years (2017)

	Measures	Targets	Timeline	
	COMM 341	75 percent of students will	Every 3 years (2017)	

No assessed in this cycle.

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Last year: Not assessed this cycle.

Loop: N/A

Core PLO #1A - Media platforms (ULO 2)

Students will explain how various media platforms work, how they produce meanings, how they are organized, and how to use them wisely and effectively

Outcome(s)

1 Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
Senior Survey items: 3.6 media literacy, 3.5 relational competencies, 4.3 presentational competencies, 4.4 ethical standards	90 percent of respondents will rate 3.0 or 4.0 on each item	Collected annually; analyzed every 3 years (2017)
COMM 218 Mass Media & Society Final Exam	75 percent of students will earn a B or above	Every 3 years (2017)
COMM 341 Communication Theory midterm and final exams	75 percent of students will earn a B or above on each exam	Every 3 years (2017)

Results - Please enter numeric results, indicating the number and percentage of student performance meeting the target. Record faculty discussion about the strengths and weaknesses in student performance. *Please see the May Development section on the Assessment of Student Learning website for suggestions about how to process assessment results.

Not assessed in this cycle.

Action Plans - If student performance did not meet the target, identify specific improvement strategies to enact in the upcoming academic year. For example, add instruction on the topic, change an assignment, revise course requirements, revise objectives, identify additional

support/resources for students.

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Last year: Not assessed this cycle.

Loop: N/A

10 JOUR PLO #1 - News story (ULO 4)

Students will identify and provide examples of the key elements of a news story in multiple platforms

Outcome(s)

Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

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There is no selected outcome.

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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
COMM 493 Senior Seminar Final Portfolio	80% of student portfolio work sample sections will earn a score of at least 3 out of 4 on the rubric	Every 3 years (2017)

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Last year: Not assessed this cycle.

Loop: N/A

11 Core PLO #3B - One area (ULO 4)

Students will display proficiency in one area of communication sufficient to pursue a career and/or continue education at the graduate level

Outcome(s)

Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

2 Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.



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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
Data from the career center on job placement and graduate school entry	75% of Communication department graduates will obtain employment, or be accepted/attend grad school 6-9 months post-graduation; 60% of graduates will work specifically in a communication-related position	Annually
COMM 107 Student portfolios	75% of Communication department majors in COMM 107 will earn a B on the work sample section of the professional portfolio	Every 3 years
Senior Survey items: 3.3 vocational competence, 4.1 vocational knowledge and skills, 4.2 preparation for further education	90 percent of respondents will rate 3.0 or 4.0 on each item	Collected annually
Internship/Practicum Performance Evaluation	TBD	TBD

Not assessed in this cycle.

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Last year: Considering the challenges of the past year, faculty were very pleased with the outcomes.

Loop: N/A

12 Core PLO #2 - Research (ULO 4)

Students will explain research methods in communication, find and use information sources to support an original argument, and the conduct research using an accepted communication research method

Outcome(s)

Choose one or more accreditor outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

There is no selected outcome.

2 Choose one or more Institution outcome that aligns with your Program Learning Outcome.

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Targets - Percentage of students expected to earn a particular score on the measure.

Timeline - The frequency with which the department will analyze and report student performance on the PLO.

Measures	Targets	Timeline
COMM 341 Analysis Paper	75 percent of students will earn a B or higher	Every 3 years
COMM 493 Capstone Research Paper	75 percent of students will earn a B or higher	Every 3 years (2017)
Senior survey items: 3.1 academic skills and 3.2 developing critical, evaluative, and analytical skill	90 percent of respondents will rate 3.0 or 4.0 on each item	Collected annually

Results - Please enter numeric results, indicating the number and percentage of student performance meeting the target. Record faculty discussion about the strengths and weaknesses in student performance. *Please see the May Development section on the Assessment of Student Learning website for suggestions about how to process assessment results.

Not assessed in this cycle.

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Last year: Data collection from COMM 341 was reviewed because the results seemed out of line with other measures; however, AEFIS does appear to be collecting this data correctly, so future review may be required. Overall, however, the data suggests that students are meeting this Program Level Objective very effectively and no changes are needed to instruction.

Loop: Data collection was review and improved this year. However, additional adjustments still appear to be needed.

2 Holistic program improvement goals: Programs are expected to have at least one action plan to improve student learning annually. If you have not yet identified an action plan associated with this year's assessment results, or if the department has identified additional issues that require action plans, describe the specific, measurable action plan and its relation to evidence of student performance.

Assessment Rubric



Process

	1	2	3	4
Is the plan being implemented faithfully and revised as needed?	Assessment plan is not implemented.	Most aspects of plan are being implemented or all aspects are implemented to some degree.	Assessment plan is fully implemented.	Plan is faithfully executed and modified/evaluated as needed.

2 Explanations:



Engagement

	1	2	3	4
Are all relevant parties are meaningfully involved in the creation/revision, implementation, analysis, interpretation and learning improvement process?	Limited involvement beyond chair/director	All educators contributing to the curriculum are aware of process and results	All educators contributing to the curriculum participate in conversations regarding the use of assessment data to improve student learning	All relevant stakeholders (students, employers, alumni) are meaningfully involved in the creation/revision, implementation, analysis, interpretation, and/or improvement processes associated with this assessment plan.

4 Explanations:

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Program Learning Objectives

1	2	3	4

	1	2	3	4
Are the program learning objectives	PLOs are problematic (vague, abstract, not aligned with ULOs/GLOs) or missing.	PLOs are clear, mostly measurable, partially aligned with ULOs/GLOs.	PLOs are clear, measureable, aligned with ULOs/GLOs, and represent a summary of the knowledge, skills, beliefs, and values that a	PLOs are clear, measurable, aligned with ULOs/GLOs, and representative of the range of learning students achieve through completion
clear, measurable, aligned with ULOs/GLOs, and representative of the range of learning for that major/program?			graduate of this major/program should attain by completing the required curriculum, accounting for variations in learning outcomes due to tracks/concentrations	of the program. The learning objectives provide a comprehensive view of the knowledge, skills, beliefs, and values that are important for a graduate of this major/program and account for variations in learning outcomes due to tracks/concentrations.

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Measures

1	2	3	4

Targets

1	2	3	4

	1	2	3	4
Are the targets based on professional standards and/or analysis of past student work? Are targets challenging and achievable?	Some targets are missing.	Targets are arbitrarily chosen or reflect minimal expectations.	Targets are challenging and achievable based on prior student performance, and reflect an appropriate level of performance.	Targets are challenging and achievable. Targets are based on professional standards and/or prior student performance. Targets are set at a level to inspire program



Timeline

	1	2	3	4
Is the timeline for data collection manageable with sufficient data points to effectively inform decision making and program review?	Not identified clearly for all measures.	Clearly states semester/year for each objective/measure. Data analysis delayed from data collection. Time between collection points may not facilitate informed decision making.	Clearly stated and manageable schedule. At least two data points for each objective per review cycle.	Timeline for data collection is manageable and allows for continuous improvement with timely and meaningful decision making even before program review.

12 Explanations:

Action Plan

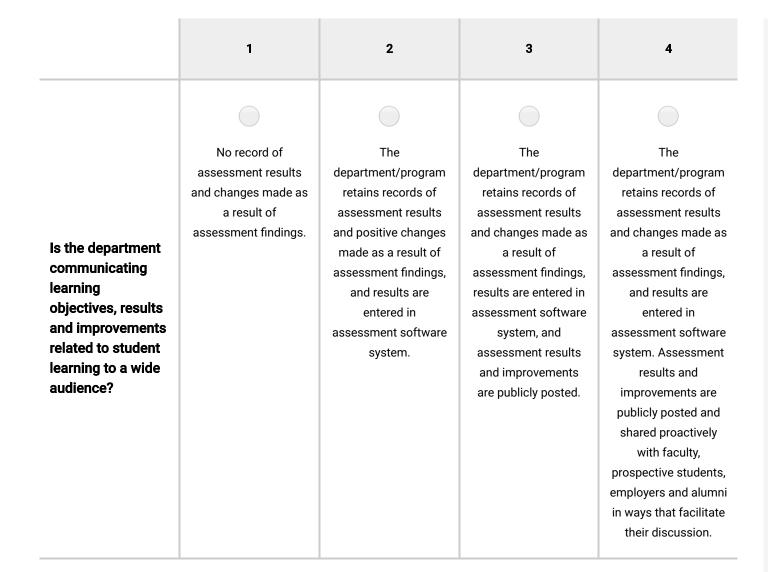
	1	2	3	4
Is the department effectively examining and using assessment data to revise curriculum and pedagogy to support student learning?	Assessment data not collected/analyzed/used for decisions and/or results not documented in AEFIS.	Data collected, documented and discussed by department. Department reviewed confidence in measures and data as sufficient indicators of student performance. If data indicated changes were needed, action plans were developed in consultation with dean (e.g. improving outcomes, measures, targets, curriculum or pedagogy).	Data collected, documented and discussed by department. Department and dean confirmed confidence in measures and data as sufficient indicators of student performance. Action plans (e.g. improving outcomes, measures, targets, curriculum or pedagogy) developed in consultation with dean. If prior year data warranted action plans, the department	Department collected and discussed follow-up data after the implementation of action plans in order to determine whether changes resulted in improvement or whether additional action is necessary. Data confirms effective curriculum and pedagogy for learning outcomes. Score of 4 should be assigned only if objectives, measures, targets and timeline
			implemented the changes.	all score a 4.

Explanations:

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Dissemination

1	2	3	4



Additional Feedback

Please enter any additional feedback for changes that should be made:

I'm a little unclear on why nothing was assesed this cycle. Are they only assessing everything once every three years. Some things are clearly gathered annually at least.

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