

Departmental and Program Assessment 2014-15
Annual Assessment Plan Basic Update

Academic Year: _____2014-15_____

Academic Unit: _____Foreign Languages_____

Chair: _____Dr. Lilian Contreras-Silva_____

Student Assessment Plan (SAP) – Basic Check-list

1. Have any changes been made to your program's student assessment plan or student learning goals?
Your recent version should be on the web at
<http://www.hendrix.edu/academics/academics.aspx?id=7264>. If you have made changes, then attach a copy of the new plan or goals.

☐ yes ☒ no
2. Are student learning goals available to students on the web on the departmental/programmatic page(s)? If not, then this will be considered as an action plan for the coming year.

☒ yes ☐ no
3. Are student learning goals, appropriate for each course, included in the course syllabi in your department or program? If not, then this will be considered as an action plan for the coming year.

☒ yes ☐ no

Student Assessment Plan Development - Departments and programs who have a complete and current SAP should consider the next step in SAP development.

1. As a next step in SAP development, departments/programs are encouraged begin working on an assessment audit to determine how student learning goals fit across the courses in the major. Sometimes the term “scaffolding” is used to describe this process. This could be as complicated as a full grid of student learning goals, or a single learning goal, across the courses in the major. (This has not been required of departments, but it is a recommended next step when the SAP is up to date.) Has your program already done this?

☒ yes ☐ no *If yes, please provide any **new** results in either in prose or as a table. If no, then this could be the next annual action plan for your program.*

Yearly Assessment Report – each department or program is expected to have assessment discussions for at least two hours each academic year. If necessary, help is available from David Sutherland, just call.

1. What was your planned action item identified in your last report?

Course materials and assignments will be updated based on direct and indirect assessment data.

2. Briefly summarize the topics discussed in your annual assessment meeting.

The French department considers such questions as student learning goals, student outcomes, and direct and indirect assessment instruments.

3. What was the conclusion of your assessment discussion and how did the collected assessment data inform your conclusion? Specifically describe any curricular or programmatic changes that have been made that were based, at least in part, on the data in your SAP.

Course materials and assignments were updated based on previous direct and indirect assessment data. While we chose to remain with the current textbooks for the core classes in the first-year sequence (*A Vous!*) and the second-year sequence (*Interactions*), we have decided to include more short films and on-line exercises.

4. Define one new action item for your assessment discussions next year.

We will consider changing course materials and assignments based on direct and indirect assessment data. We agree that our textbooks are currently too expensive, and that students have experienced frustration regarding the on-line exercises at times.