

Philosophy Department Assessment Meeting April 30, 2020

This year the Philosophy Department held their annual assessment meeting on April 30, 2020. Before this meeting we had revised our student assessment plan, see attached. According to our assessment plan we ranked our four graduating seniors using the learning goal rubric. The results are attached as Philosophy learning goals 2020. We discussed the rating of our seniors for the VSLG rubric and have submitted these on line. We spent some time discussing our curricular offerings and learning goal 1 for the department. It was decided that our offerings meet well the goal of educating our major concerning the central ideas of some major figures in the history of philosophy and how they relate to contemporary discussions. This is primarily accomplished in the three required history courses as well as in several other courses that the department offers. We made minor changes in our curricular mapping of our course, see attached. Finally, we analyzed and emended our senior survey that has been our project for this year from last year's meeting. See the attached new senior seminar survey.

HENDRIX COLLEGE
Philosophy Department
Senior Majors' Survey:
May 2020

Under the program of assessment adopted by the College and approved by the North Central Association, Hendrix conducts an annual survey of departmental majors to solicit student opinion on the efficacy of the College's major programs. For each statement below, please check the box corresponding to your level of agreement or disagreement with the statement. You may have responded to similar questions in a more general survey. Please confine your responses to these questions to your experience in the Philosophy Department.

Please respond since this survey is part of the data the Philosophy Department submits to Hendrix College when we are being assessed. We also use the information to improve our program.

Email you completed response to Vanamant@hendrix.edu and she will remove identifying aspects and pass on the completed questionnaires to the department chair person.

1. When I needed mentoring or individual attention, my professors were available.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

2. Course offerings allowed me to satisfy the requirements of the major.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

3. Course offerings met my interests in breadth and depth.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

4. My coursework was relevant to a liberal arts education.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

5. By taking philosophy courses at Hendrix, I have learned about some major figures in the history of philosophy.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

Please list some major figures you enjoyed learning about:

6. By taking philosophy courses at Hendrix, I have learned about some major areas of philosophy, like metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, social & political thought.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

Please list some major areas you enjoyed learning about:

7. By taking philosophy courses at Hendrix, I became a better reader and thinker.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

Please explain your answer. If possible, give examples.

8. By taking philosophy courses at Hendrix, I became better at expressing ideas in speech and in writing.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

Please explain your answer. If possible, give examples.

9. My experience as a major in this discipline made me appropriately aware of the career and professional opportunities to which it might lead.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

10. My experience as a major in this discipline appropriately prepared me for the career and professional opportunities to which it might lead.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

11. My experience as a major in this discipline appropriately fulfilled the liberal arts aims of the College as encapsulated in the motto, "Unto the Whole Person," or "Toward Human Fulfillment."

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

12. The Senior Thesis or Seminar functioned well as a capstone course in philosophy.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

13. I plan to attend graduate school in Philosophy at some point in the future. Yes___ No___

If yes:

I have applied and been accepted to an appropriate graduate school. Yes___ No___

Optional, list schools to which you were accepted:

14. I plan to attend graduate school in the future, but not in Philosophy. Yes___ No___

If yes:

I have applied and been accepted to an appropriate graduate school. Yes___ No___

Optional, list schools to which you were accepted:

15. I am not planning to attend graduate school, but have achieved my personal goals in studying Philosophy.

Agree strongly___ Agree somewhat___ No opinion___ Disagree somewhat___ Disagree strongly___

Please make other comments here: