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Fall Welcome and Return of ACE Assessment Digest

As fall semester begins, we want to highlight opportunities to support your work on program-level assessment of student learning. We’re pleased to announce the return of the ACE Assessment Digest. The ACE Assessment Digest (formerly the ACE Assessment Director Digest) is a bite-sized email, sent twice a semester, communicating timely information about undergraduate program assessment at WSU. If you are no longer serving in the Faculty Assessment Coordinator role for an undergraduate degree, or are aware of personnel changes in the Faculty Assessment Coordinator role, for your department, school, or program, please let us know at ace.office@wsu.edu

Transitions in the Faculty Assessment Coordinator Role

This academic year, WSU recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic context & impacts remain fluid and unpredictable, and that faculty, staff & students continue to manage concerns at work and home. Below are expectations and guidance for undergraduate program assessment this academic year, developed in discussion with the Provost’s Office and the Center for Undergraduate Assessment (with representation from colleges and campuses offering undergraduate degrees).

For AY 2021-22, undergraduate degree programs are expected to:

1. Submit their 2021 program assessment report during the open reporting window — anytime from mid-Dec 2021 through Feb 2022.
2. Conduct some program-level assessment related activities, where possible, after taking into account program context and pressing questions.

See the full guidance on the ACE website.

WSU-wide Summary of 2020 Undergraduate Degree Program Assessment Reports

Over the summer, we review data from the undergraduate assessment reports submitted by programs and produce summaries for WSU, college, and campus leadership, as well as for our university-wide archives that provide evidence of assessment activities in support of university accredited programs. We are pleased to share with you the annual summaries of undergraduate program assessment reports. The examples, like the annual assessment reports themselves, look at key or representative activities and uses, and are not intended to be exhaustive or cover all uses of assessment results by WSU programs.

WSU Program Assessment Case Studies Complemented by NWCCU Mid-Cycle Peer Evaluators

In April 2021, the remote accreditation evaluation team for WSU’s NWCCU Mid-Cycle Evaluation met with a broad representation of institutional leaders. As part of the visit, peer evaluators met representatives from two selected program assessment case studies: The Department of Human Development and the University Common Requirements General Education Program (UCORE). The evaluators were impressed with the comprehensive, well-coordinated, and collaborative assessment infrastructure in place for these two programs.

FYI – Calendar of Fall 2021 Dates Related to Program Assessment

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<td>Aug</td>
<td>Spring 2021 [CAPS] instructors receive a PDF copy of the [CAPS] Assessment Report for UCORE via email. Typically, assessment is a CAPP course for majors can contribute toward degree level assessment of student learning — contact us for more information.</td>
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<td>First day of instruction for the term.</td>
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<td>Sept</td>
<td>Deadline for undergraduate students to drop a course without record.</td>
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<td>Late Sept</td>
<td>Fall 2021 [CAPS] instructors receive an email from UCORE with initial information about [CAPS] Assessment Reporting for UCORE for the fall term.</td>
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<td>Oct</td>
<td>First submission deadline for major [CAPS] Assessment Reporting for new and revised courses &amp; new and revised requirements.</td>
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<td>Nov</td>
<td>Program assessment coordinators receive an email from UCORE with information about Spring 2021 Undergraduate Program Assessment Reporting, including the report planning sheet. ACE is also available to help assessment coordinators complete the report; contact us for additional information.</td>
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ACE Support for Program Assessment Efforts

We work with colleges and programs to assist student learning towards the improvement of undergraduate degree programs. ACE also provides assessment support for undergraduate university-wide education, serving all colleges, campuses, and UCORE general education.

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