# ACE Assessment Digest
## OFFICE OF ASSESSMENT FOR CURRICULAR EFFECTIVENESS

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## Program Assessment Spotlight: 2022 WSU Celebration of Assessment Excellence

On November 8th, the Office of the Provost, Division of Academic Engagement and Student Achievement (DAESA), and Office of Assessment for Curricular Effectiveness (ACE) hosted the 2022 WSU Celebration of Assessment Excellence. Nine WSU undergraduate degree programs were recognized for using assessment results from senior-level direct measures of program learning outcomes to improve curriculum, instruction, assignments, and/or faculty/TA development over the past two years.

Overall, the event's program illuminated how effective assessment contributes to WSU's educational quality, student achievement, and land-grant mission in varying disciplines and over multiple campuses.

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## 2021 Examples of Use of Program Assessment to Inform Decision-Making at WSU

WSU expects undergraduate degree programs tor regularly use assessment to support decision-making related to curriculum, instruction, assignments, and program assessment processes. Each year, we compile selected examples of how WSU programs in various disciplines have used assessment to inform decisions, as reported in the annual undergraduate degree program assessment reports. The examples, like the annual program reports themselves, look at key or representative activities and uses, and are not intended to be exhaustive or show all uses of assessment results by WSU programs.

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## New Resources in Our Curriculum Maps Toolkit: Resources for Developing and Updating Curriculum Maps

A curriculum map is a matrix aligning program-level student learning outcomes (SLOs) with the courses for a degree program or major. Curriculum maps make visible the relationship between courses and program-level SLOs, enabling faculty to design and implement intentional curricula which systematically develop and deepen students' key skills and knowledge. Our Curriculum Maps Toolkit includes resources intended to help WSU programs and faculty as they develop or update their curriculum maps, including our:

- Quick Guide to Curriculum Maps (PDF) – *updated*
- Quality Checklist for Curriculum Maps (DOCX) – *new*
- Excel Template for Curriculum Maps (XLSX) – *new*

We are also available to collaborate with undergraduate degree programs to develop or update curriculum maps; contact us for additional information.

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## Linda Suskie's Blog on the Value of Curriculum Maps

Curriculum maps are tools that program faculty can use to analyze how well a curriculum meets many of the traits of effective curricula. For more information, see Linda Suskie's blog on the value of curriculum maps.

As mentioned in the blog, Chapter 5 of Linda Suskie's book *Assessing Student Learning: A Common Sense Guide* further discusses designing curricula to help students learn what's important; contact us if you'd like to borrow Suskie's book.

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## Program Assessment Mini-grants Available

To help support undergraduate degree programs working to improve program-level assessment of student learning, and university priorities for quality curriculum and instruction, we are offering Program Assessment Mini-grants! WSU faculty who are involved with the development, implementation, or use of undergraduate program-level student learning outcomes assessment are welcome to apply. Applications are accepted on a rolling-basis; see the Request for Proposals (PDF) for more information.

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## FYI – Calendar of Fall 2022 Dates Related to Program Assessment

| Month | Date | Activity |
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| Aug | Early Aug | Spring 2022 [CAPS] instructors receive a pdf copy of their [CAPS] Assessment Report for UCORE from UCORE via email. *Note: Typically, assessment in a [CAPS] course for majors can contribute toward degree program level assessment of student learning – see our resource related to [CAPS] Assessment Reporting for UCORE as part of degree program assessment.* |
| | 22nd | First day of instruction for the term. |
| Sept | 20th | Deadline for undergraduate students to drop a course without record. |
| | Late Sept | Fall 2022 [CAPS] instructors receive an email from UCORE with initial information about [CAPS] Assessment Reporting for UCORE for the fall term. |
| Oct | 1st | Fall submission deadline for major Curricular Change Requests for new and revised courses & new and revised requirements. |
| Nov | 1st | Program assessment coordinators receive an email from ACE with information about 2022 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. |
| | 8th | 2022 WSU Celebration of Assessment Excellence from 2-3:15 pm in the CUB Junior Ballroom (video-streaming available). |
| | 18th | Deadline for undergraduate students to withdraw from a course. |
| Dec | Early Dec | Fall 2022 [CAPS] instructors receive their link to the [CAPS] Assessment Reporting for UCORE form in Qualtrics via email (i.e., reporting opens). |
| | 9th | Last day of instruction for the term. |
| | Mid Dec | Program assessment coordinators receive an email from ACE with a unique link to their 2022 Undergraduate Program Assessment Reporting form in Qualtrics. Assessment coordinators can submit their report during the open reporting window — anytime from mid-Dec 2022 through Feb 2023. |
| | 20th | Final grade submission ends. |
| Jan | 9th | Fall 2022 [CAPS] Assessment Reports for UCORE are due (i.e., reporting closes). |

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## ACE Support for Program Assessment Efforts

We work with colleges and programs to assess student learning towards the improvement of undergraduate degree programs. ACE also provides assessment support for university-wide undergraduate education, serving all colleges, campuses, and UCORE general education. See What We Do for more information, including our mission.

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