

ASSESSMENT NEWS & TIPS



Assessment of Student Learning Newsletter

January/February 2018

2018 Cycle Theme: IMPROVEMENT

The ASL Committee has set three Goals for us this 2018 calendar year:

- In 2017, we focused on advancing our Program-Level Assessment, and in 2018 we will **continue developing/refining PSLOs and departmental rubrics**.
- We will **work closely with Department Chairs** to expand their training and increase their familiarity with the indispensable tools in eLumen.
- We will continue to **grow Part-Time Instructor participation** in assessment.

New & Improved Reporting Procedure: Improvement Plans

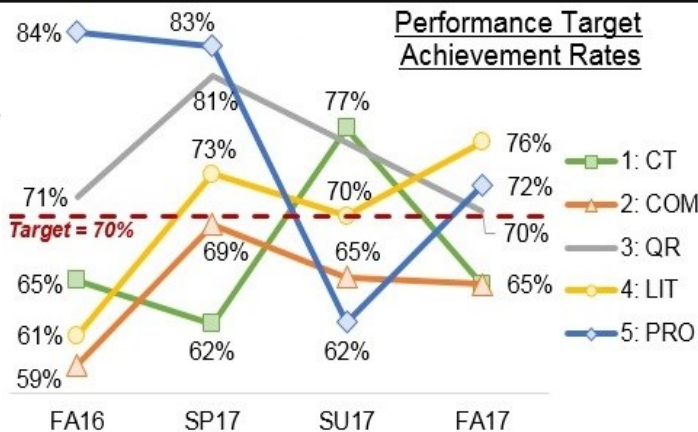
In combination with the [simpler form](#) (U:drive link) that we will be implementing for annual assessment reports, Division Meeting time allotted for assessment work has been moved from March to February. The goal is to reduce time spent on the busywork of compiling data and instead shift the focus to interpreting results with practical next steps for improving student learning in the 2018 cycle.

2017 Cycle Recap

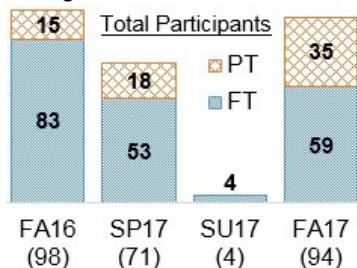
Right: % of students achieving Accomplished (3) or Exemplary (4) performance
Target = 70%

Overall Achievement	%
1: Critical Thinking	64.2
2: Communication	63.6
3: Quantitative	74.2
4: Literacy	74.4
5: Professionalism	81.0

Above: Overall performance target achievement rates.



Left: Overview of instructor/faculty participation rates.



Recommendations

- Increase sample sizes, especially ISLOs with smallest proportion of data: *Communication* (18%), *Textual Literacy* (11%), and *Quantitative Reasoning* (9%)
- Reverse the declining full-time faculty participation rate.
- Expand opportunities for students to develop Effective Communication and Critical Thinking skills.

Resources & Opportunities

Assessment Committee: 3rd Tuesdays 3:30-5:00 (contact for location)

Assessment Office Hours: M/W 1-3pm & by appointment (AB 250W/[WebEx](#))

Valuable Resources: [One-Page Guide to Assessment](#) [Assessment Glossary](#) [Institutional Rubrics for Anyone to Use!](#) [Developing Assessment Rubrics](#) [eLumen Essentials Checklist](#) [Planning Help - Who's Assessing What?](#)

BONUS! [2017 Assessment Results](#) - Reports Generated for Each Department!

"The goal of assessment is not just to gather evidence, after all, but to make evidence-informed changes [...] demonstrably improving student learning"

~Banta & Blaich, 2010

From the Chair

As we always tell students, our lines of communication are open to you; you just need to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Listed below are the Division Leads, selfless volunteers who are available to respond to your assessment needs! I encourage you to take advantage of all of the resources at your disposal, including myself and the ASL Coordinator, Liz Medendorp.

Please reach out!

Contact Information

We are here to support YOU!!!

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