

Human Development | 2015-2016 Assessment Plan

1. Please review last year's assessment results (2014-2015) with the faculty in your program. How does your program plan to take these results into consideration in future programmatic planning?

The Hum Dev 302 (Research Methods) instructors came together and developed common learning outcomes for the class and shared ideas of how they implement these in their classrooms.

2. Which outcome will you assess this year (2015-2016)?

We are working on revising our learning outcomes, but according to our current learning outcomes: Application. Specifically, "Participate, for example, in service learning, applied research, and/or internships" and "Have the ability to apply information gained in the major toward future career and personal goals"

3. Which technique will you use to assess this outcome?

We will assess this in a variety of ways:

1) We are trying to encourage more students to complete internships using several means. We will compare the number of students who complete Hum Dev internships in the 2015-16 academic year to the 2014-2015 year to see if our efforts were successful in increasing the numbers.

2) Survey HUD faculty on what sorts of application learning outcomes they include in their courses. Several courses used to include service learning, but I'm not sure if any currently do. This would be very useful to find out.

3) Survey graduating seniors on why they did not complete an internship (e.g., didn't meet GPA requirements, lack of knowledge or interest, etc.), how much they participated in service learning in their HUD classes, and how related their post-graduation plans are to their HUD degree.
4) Survey alumni on whether their work is directly related to their HUD degree and what skills/knowledge/courses from HUD they currently use in their work.

4. Which course or group of students will you assess on the outcome chosen above and when?

We have already collected survey responses from 221 alumni this semester. We just sent the survey to December grads and will also survey the May grads in May. I am planning on surveying the HUD faculty in January.