



**ASSESSMENT
PLAN/REPORT
FOR**

American Studies

(Academic Degree Program)

B.A.

(Degree Level)

August 2002-August 2003

(Assessment Period Covered)

10/22/02

(Date Submitted)

Planning Instructions:

Identify at least three student learning outcomes and complete the following portions of this plan. Student learning outcomes are defined in terms of what students **will know, or be able to do, or believe as a result of instruction**. The completed plan is e-mailed to Oaplans@acad.usf.edu

Reporting Instructions:

At the end of the assessment period, the assessment report is prepared and e-mailed to: Oareports@acad.usf.edu The report contains a summary of assessment findings identified. In addition, the report describes what changes (if any) were made as a result of a review of assessment findings. The discussion on use of results should, at the very least, indicate that faculty members reviewed the assessment findings.

Student Learning Outcome #1

What will students know or be able to do or believe? Be specific.

Upon completion of a bachelor's degree in American Studies, a student will have developed skills in the historical interpretation of American cultural forms.

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It is recommended that **two means** of assessment be prepared for each student learning outcome. One means of assessment may be sufficient.

Means of Assessment #1: Describe the procedures, strategies, or means that will be used to collect information on student learning.

A faculty committee will review papers written by students who pass the required American Studies senior seminar.

Criteria for Success: Describe the criteria for success related to this means of assessment.

Eighty percent of the papers will demonstrate that students have developed skills in the historical interpretation of American cultural forms.

Means of Assessment #2: Describe the procedures, strategies, or means that will be used to collect information on student learning.

Criteria for Success: Describe the criteria for success related to this means of assessment.

ASSESSMENT REPORT - These items are completed after assessment activities, at the end of the assessment period. Completed assessment reports are e-mailed to: Oareports@acad.usf.edu

Findings: What findings resulted from assessment activities?

All four sets of papers (100%) of students registered in AMS 4936 in fall 2002 demonstrated skill in the historical interpretation of American cultural forms.

Use of Results: What changes, if any, were made in response to the findings? This section should indicate that faculty members reviewed the assessment findings.

The Intended Outcome was achieved; the current instructional program will be continued.

Student Learning Outcome #2

What will students know or be able to do or believe? Be specific.

Upon completion of a bachelor's degree in American Studies, a student will be a skilled interpreter of American culture.

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Means of Assessment #1: Describe the procedures, strategies, or means that will be used to collect information on student learning.

A faculty committee will review papers written by students who pass the required American Studies senior seminar.

Criteria for Success: Describe the criteria for success related to this means of assessment.

Eighty percent of the papers will demonstrate that students are skilled interpreters of American culture.

Means of Assessment #2: Describe the procedures, strategies, or means that will be used to collect information on student learning.

Criteria for Success: Describe the criteria for success related to this means of assessment.

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Findings: What findings resulted from assessment activities?

All four sets of papers (100%) of students registered in AMS 4936 in fall 2002 demonstrated skill in the interpretation of American culture.

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The intended outcome was achieved; the current instructional program will be continued.

Student Learning Outcome #3

What will students know or be able to do or believe? Be specific.

Upon completion of a bachelor's degree in American Studies, a student will have an interdisciplinary understanding of American cultural development.

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Means of Assessment #1: Describe the procedures, strategies, or means that will be used to collect information on student learning.

A faculty committee will review papers written by students who pass the required American Studies senior seminar.

Criteria for Success: Describe the criteria for success related to this means of assessment.

Eighty percent of the papers will demonstrate that students have an interdisciplinary understanding of American cultural development.

Means of Assessment #2: Describe the procedures, strategies, or means that will be used to collect information on student learning.

Criteria for Success: Describe the criteria for success related to this means of assessment.

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Findings: What findings resulted from assessment activities?

All four sets of papers (100%) of students registered in AMS 4936 in fall 2002 demonstrated an interdisciplinary understanding of American cultural development.

Use of Results: What changes, if any, were made in response to the findings? This section should indicate that faculty members reviewed the assessment findings.

The intended outcome was achieved; the current instructional program will be continued.

Duplicate this sheet to assess additional student learning outcomes.