

UNM General Education Assessment AY 20-21

Following a restructuring of General Education by the NMHED, all post-secondary institutions are required to assess essential skills that students are expected to develop over time.



Critical Thinking



Communication



Personal & Social Responsibility



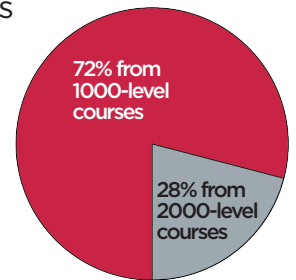
Quantitative Reasoning



Information & Digital Literacy

UNM assessed one Essential Skill, **Critical Thinking** in the second year of the assessment cycle using an individual rubric; selected faculty were tasked with student artifact selection and submission of these artifacts to the UNM Office of Assessment & APR (OA/APR).

841 student artifacts submitted
from **781** students



Artifacts served as representative samples of the Critical Thinking essential skill and were rated with the following rubric: 0= No evidence; 1= Emerging (beginning college-level); 2= Developing (completing gen ed-level); and 3= Proficient (completing B.A./B.S.-level)

Course Modality:
3% Face-to-Face
10% Hybrid
87% Online

Critical Thinking	Communication	Personal & Social Responsibility	Quantitative Reasoning	Information & Digital Literacy
1.99 overall average rating (AY20-21) all artifacts; n=841	2.12 overall average rating (AY19-20)	1.58 overall average rating (AY19-20)	2.04 overall average rating (AY19-20)	0.89 overall average rating (AY19-20)
2.13 aligned artifacts only rating (AY20-21); n=574	Rubric Dimensions:	Rubric Dimensions:	Rubric Dimensions:	Rubric Dimensions:
Rubric Dimensions:	<i>Genre and Disciplinary Conventions</i>	<i>Inter-cultural Reasoning and Inter-cultural Competence</i>	<i>Communication and/or Representation of Quantitative Information</i>	<i>Authority and Value of Information</i>
<i>Problem Setting</i>	<i>Strategies for Understanding and Evaluating Messages</i>	<i>Sustainability and the Natural and Human Worlds</i>	<i>Analysis of Quantitative Arguments</i>	<i>Digital Literacy Information Structures</i>
<i>Evidence Acquisition</i>	<i>Evaluation and Production of Arguments</i>	<i>Ethical Reasoning Collaboration Skills, Teamwork and Value Systems</i>	<i>Application of Quantitative Models</i>	<i>Research as Inquiry</i>
<i>Evidence Evaluation</i>		<i>Civic Discourse, Civic Knowledge and Engagement</i>		
<i>Reasoning/Conclusion</i>				

Ratings are indicative of many variables, including student performance, alignment of the course assignment, assessment rubric, and selected rubric dimension. OA/APR will be working with campus partners to help equip instructors with essential skill development in their courses.

The full GE assessment report can be found [here](#).

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