General Education Pilot Assessment Cycle Complete

ATT 20-22 completed the first General Education Pilot Assessment Cycle. In the spring of 2022, the General Education Course Rubrics were piloted at the University of New Mexico (UNM). While the cycle was completed on time and within budget, there are lessons learned that will help shape future cycles.

Communication (1.50) and Literacy (1.40) were rated highest as Developing Essential Skills. Personal & Social Responsibility (2.21), Critical Thinking (1.97), and Problem Solving (2.26) were rated moderately as Developing Essential Skills. High Emerging Essential Skills were rated for Responsibility (2.05), Literacy (2.04), and Critical Thinking (2.12). Highly Emerging Essential Skills were slightly lower at Critical Thinking (1.98) and Problem Solving (2.04).

Think about alignment: While the expectation is that students will be prepared to engage in all aspects of the cycle, the data show that assignments unaligned with essential skills are rated lower on average than those aligned.

In general, 2000 level courses rated lower than courses rated higher than 2000 level courses.

Information & Digital Literacy artifacts were rated highest as Developing Essential Skills. Math and Art-based artifacts were rated lowest as Developing Essential Skills.

Instructors submit students’ artifacts each year, given that General Education is an ongoing process.

In conclusion, while the General Education Pilot Assessment Cycle was completed successfully, we learned important lessons that we will carry forward.

Take a look at your newest General Education Course Rubrics

Please click here to view the General Education Course Rubrics. This new tool is designed to help instructors and course developers assess the alignment of their courses with essential skills. It is a valuable resource for ongoing course improvement.

Individualized College/School/Branch GE reports

Did you know that there are versions of general education reports tailored to your specific needs? These reports allow you to focus on your college or department's unique assessment needs. Access the Individualized College/School/Branch GE reports here.

Co-Curricular Assessment Highlights

UNM has frameworks for every area of academic assessment, including curricular and co-curricular. These frameworks can provide you with the necessary tools to assess your program effectively.

SAAL

The Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) has frameworks for every area of academic assessment, including curricular and co-curricular. These frameworks can provide you with the necessary tools to assess your program effectively.

UNM Assessment

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