

UNM General Education Assessment AY 21-22

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.



UNM assessed **four** Essential Skills (Communication, Personal & Social Responsibility, Quantitative Reasoning, and Information & Digital Literacy) in the third year of the assessment cycle using individual skill rubrics; selected faculty were tasked with student artifact selection and submission of these artifacts to the UNM Office of Assessment & APR (OA/APR).

Artifacts served as representative samples of each assessed skill and were rated according to the following rubric scale: 0=No Evidence; 1=Emerging (beginning college-level); 2=Developing (completing gen ed-level); and 3=Proficient (completing B.A./B.S.-level). To access the full rubrics for each Essential Skill, [click here](#).

616 student artifacts submitted

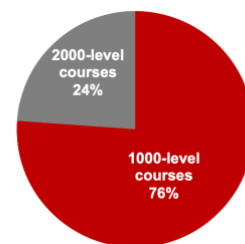
from **665** students






(Some instructors submitted multiple artifacts from the same student; some artifacts came from groups of multiple students)

Course **46%** Face-to-Face

Modality: **11%** Hybrid

43% Online

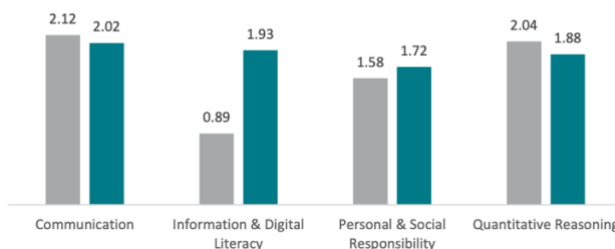


AY 21-22 Essential Skills Data				From AY 20-21
 <p>Communication</p> <p>2.02 overall average rating for all artifacts; n=141</p> <p>Communication was rated as a DEVELOPING essential skill</p>	 <p>Personal & Social Responsibility</p> <p>1.72 overall average rating for all artifacts; n=265</p> <p>PSR was rated as an EMERGING essential skill</p>	 <p>Quantitative Reasoning</p> <p>1.88 overall average rating for all artifacts; n=101</p> <p>QR was rated as a HIGHLY EMERGING essential skill</p>	 <p>Information & Digital Literacy</p> <p>1.93 overall average rating for all artifacts; n=109</p> <p>IDL was rated as a HIGHLY EMERGING essential skill</p>	 <p>Critical Thinking</p> <p>1.99 overall average rating for all artifacts; n=841</p> <p>Critical Thinking was rated as a HIGHLY EMERGING essential skill</p>

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 3 COMPARISON

Overall skill ratings shifted since AY 19-20: the Communication rating **slightly decreased**; the IDL rating **increased significantly**; the PSR rating **slightly increased**; and the QR rating **slightly decreased**.

Comparison of GE Essential Skill Ratings, Year 1 to Year 3



HINTS FOR GE SUBMISSIONS

1. Assignments should be well-aligned to the skill & to both selected skill dimensions.
2. Map your internal assignment rubric/measure with the essential skill rubric.
3. Check out the GE assignment collection for ideas - [click here!](#)

Ratings are indicative of many variables, including student performance, alignment of course assignment, assessment rubric, and selected rubric dimensions. 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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