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Learning Outcomes by Area	Outcome Measures	Review of Outcome Results
Area A1 Students will be able to write effectively for a variety of audiences to demonstrate collegiate level writing development in various contexts	Baseline Assessment: Midterm Exam in ENGL 1101 Composition I Attainment Assessment: Final Project in ENGL 1102 Composition II Both assessments carried out using the GSW Gen Ed Writing Assessment Rubric	Outcome data reviewed by the Department of English and Modern Languages Assessment Committee and the Committee on Academic Affairs General Education Review Subcommittee once every three years beginning in 2011-12
Area A2 Students will be able to analyze and apply mathematical concepts in various	Assessment of course-appropriate problem on the final exam in each targeted Mathematics course	Outcome data reviewed by the Department of Mathematics faculty and the Committee on Academic Affairs General

forms in order to solve a variety of quantitative problems

Problem assessed using GSW Rubric for General Education Mathematics

Education Review Subcommittee once every three years beginning in 2011-12

Area B

Students will be able to evaluate information critically

Assessment of final project in LIBR 1101 Information Literacy

Project assessed using GSW Area B Information Literacy Rubric

Outcome data reviewed by the Library faculty and by Committee and the Committee on Academic Affairs General Education Review Subcommittee once every three years beginning in 2013-14

Students will be able to understand cultural differences

Assessment of final project in WMST 2001

Project assessed using GSW Area B Intercultural Knowledge Rubric

Outcome data reviewed by the Women's Studies faculty and by Committee and the Committee on Academic Affairs General Education Review Subcommittee once every three years beginning in 2013-14

Area C

Students will be able to articulate factual and conceptual knowledge concerning humanities and fine arts

Assessment of an essay question on the final exam for English Courses in Area C

Essays assessed using the GSW Area C Assessment Rubric

Outcome data reviewed by the Department of English and Modern Languages Assessment Committee and the Committee on Academic Affairs General Education Review Subcommittee once every three years beginning in 2012-13

Area D

Students will be able to interpret symbolic representations of data relevant to the physical world

Assessment questions included on Final Exam in Biology, Geology, and Physics courses that evaluate the students' ability to (1) interpret graphical data, (2) evaluate relationships from the graph and (3) predict relationships from the graph

Students will be able to evaluate the relationship between

Outcome data reviewed once every three years by the Biology, Geology, and Physics faculty and by the Committee on Academic Affairs General Education Review Subcommittee beginning in 2013-14

observation and inference in the natural sciences

Questions assessed using GSW Area D Assessment Rubric

Area E

Students will be able to articulate factual and conceptual knowledge concerning societal dynamics

Assessment of final exam questions in HIST 1111, HIST 1112, HIST 2111, HIST 2112, and POLS 1101

Questions assessed using course specific rubrics

Outcome data reviewed once every three years by the Department of History and Political Science faculty and by the Committee on Academic Affairs General Education Review Subcommittee beginning in 2012-13

US Perspectives

Students will be able to articulate factual and conceptual knowledge concerning historical and societal dynamics within the United States

Assessment of final exam questions in HIST 2111, HIST 2112 & POLS 1101

Questions assessed using the GSW US Perspectives Assessment Rubric

Outcome data reviewed once every three years by the Department of History and Political Science faculty and by the Committee on Academic Affairs General Education Review Subcommittee beginning in 2012-13

Global Perspectives

Students will be able to articulate factual and conceptual knowledge concerning world-wide societal dynamics

Assessment of final exam questions in HIST 1111 & HIST 1112

Questions assessed using the GSW Global Perspectives Assessment Rubric

Outcome data reviewed once every three years by the Department of History and Political Science faculty and by the Committee on Academic Affairs General Education Review Subcommittee beginning in 2013-14

Critical Thinking

Students will be able to analyze and evaluate the main issues that relate to problems or texts, and then apply an organized, coherent and accurate response

Baseline Assessment: Midterm Exam in ENGL 1101 Composition I

Attainment Assessment: Final Project in ENGL 1102 Composition II

Both assessments carried out using the GSW Gen Ed Critical Thinking Rubric

Outcome data reviewed by the Department of English and Modern Languages Assessment Committee and by the Committee on Academic Affairs General Education Review Subcommittee once every three years beginning in 2011-12

