

**History and Political Science Department
History General Education Assessment Data
2017-2018**

Learning Outcome:

2c. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the complex issues faced by diverse groups in global and/or cross-cultural contexts

Outcome Measure:

Assessment prompt given to students in HIS 110 World Civilizations I and HIS 111 World Civilizations II

Criteria for Success:

Minimum average of 2.75 (out of 4) for each criteria on the analytic rubric

Longitudinal Data:

In Fall 2014, the General Education Learning Outcomes were revised. Beginning in Spring 2015, data was gathered by taking a random sampling of students from all sections of each course. The scores below reflect averages of data collected.

History General Education (2.C) Learning Outcome Assessment Rubric – Average Student Scores

Course	Semester	N	Complexity	Well-Communicated	Evidence	Total
HIS 110	Fall 2014	22	3.41	3.00	2.77	3.06
HIS 110	Spring 2015	32	3.53	3.50	3.44	3.49
HIS 110	Fall 2015	73	2.92	2.88	2.84	2.88
HIS 110	Spring 2016	62	3.24	3.16	3.02	3.14
HIS 110	Fall 2016	37	3.49	3.24	3.19	3.31
HIS 110	Spring 2017	38	3.24	3.29	3.16	3.23
HIS 110	Fall 2017	58	3.49	3.30	3.37	3.39
HIS 110	Spring 2018	55	3.58	3.45	3.40	3.48
HIS 111	Spring 2015	28	3.21	3.00	2.86	3.02
HIS 111	Fall 2015	35	3.14	3.20	2.91	3.09
HIS 111	Spring 2016	41	3.17	3.44	2.90	3.17
HIS 111	Fall 2016	69	3.51	3.51	3.19	3.00
HIS 111	Spring 2017	20	3.40	3.55	3.45	3.47
HIS 111	Fall 2017	53	3.42	3.28	3.21	3.30
HIS 111	Spring 2018	27	3.44	3.70	3.33	3.49

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

We are pleased that the students in our World Civilizations courses are far exceeding the minimum average in all categories. The averages for both HIS 110 and HIS 111 in the 2017-2018 school year were higher than ever before.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

From 2014-2016, student averages were lowest in the “Evidence” category (though still above the minimum criteria for success). As a result, we were more intentional about that aspect of students’ work, and reinforced the need for specific details and evidence in our instructions to students. Since the Fall of 2016, the averages in that category have been much more comparable to the averages in the other categories, in both HIS 110 and 111. We do not see any changes to make at this time, but will continue to focus on the types of learning that make these results so strong.

Rubrics Used

History General Education (2.C) Learning Outcome Assessment Rubric

History assessment prompt: *When you look back over this entire course, which 3 historical events (or ideas/ themes) do you think are the most important to not forget? Given what you learned from the readings and lectures, describe and analyze each of them and explain their global significance. Make your case for why these should always be taught in world history courses.*

Evaluators are encouraged to assign a zero to any work sample or collection of work that does not meet benchmark (cell one) level performance.

	Capstone (4 pts)	Milestone (3 pts)	Milestone (2 pts)	Benchmark (1 pt)
Complexity (1.000, 33%)	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the complexity of each of the issues.	Demonstrates an adequate understanding of the complexity of the issues.	Demonstrates an awareness of the complexity of the issues.	Demonstrates minimal awareness of the complexity of the issues.
Well-Communicated (1.000, 33%)	Uses graceful language that skillfully communicates meaning to readers with clarity and fluency.	Uses straightforward language that generally conveys meaning to readers.	Uses language that generally conveys meaning to readers with clarity, although writing may include some errors.	Uses language that sometimes impedes meaning because of errors in usage.
Evidence (1.000, 33%)	Demonstrates skillful use of high-quality, credible, relevant sources to develop ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of the writing. Includes detailed evidence from a variety of class materials (reading assignments, lectures, films, etc.)	Demonstrates consistent use of credible, relevant sources to support ideas that are situated within the discipline and genre of the writing. Includes some evidence.	Demonstrates an attempt to use credible and/or relevant sources to support ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of the writing.	Demonstrates an attempt to use sources to support ideas in the writing.