# 2016-2017 **Annual Assessment Report Template**

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Please begin by selecting your program name in the drop down. If the program name is not

	BA Economics
	OR
e	stion 1: Program Learning Outcomes
1.	
	of the following Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs), Sac State Baccalaureate Learning Goals (BLGs), and Idened Graduate Learning Goals (GLGs) did you assess? [Check all that apply]
1	. Critical Thinking
2	2. Information Literacy
3	3. Written Communication
4	4. Oral Communication
5	5. Quantitative Literacy
6	5. Inquiry and Analysis
7	7. Creative Thinking
8	3. Reading
9	9. Team Work
1	LO. Problem Solving
1	11. Civic Knowledge and Engagement
1	2. Intercultural Knowledge, Competency, and Perspectives
1	13. Ethical Reasoning
1	14. Foundations and Skills for Lifelong Learning
1	5. Global Learning and Perspectives
1	16. Integrative and Applied Learning
1	17. Overall Competencies for GE Knowledge
1	8. Overall Disciplinary Knowledge
1	9. Professionalism
2	20. Other, specify any assessed PLOs not included above:

Q1.2. Please provide more detailed background information about **EACH PLO** you checked above and other information including how your specific PLOs are **explicitly** linked to the Sac State **BLGs/GLGs**:

3.1 Assess the role of domestic and international institutions and norms in shaping economic outcomes
5. Recognize the role of ethical values in economic decisions
5.1 Distinguish between normative and positive economics
5.2 Identify the limits of economic analysis
5.3 Distinguish between efficiency and equity
Economics PLO 3 and 5 are explicitly linked to Sac State BLG 4 (Personal and Social Responsibility). At the Undergraduate level, this is demonstrated jointly by applying data analytical techniques to theoretical models in the analysis of real world problems and issues.
Q1.2.1.
Do you have rubrics for your PLOs?
1. Yes, for all PLOs
2. Yes, but for some PLOs
3. No rubrics for PLOs
O 4. N/A
5. Other, specify:
<ul><li>Q1.3.</li><li>Are your PLOs closely aligned with the mission of the university?</li><li>1. Yes</li></ul>
2. No
3. Don't know
Q1.4. Is your program externally accredited (other than through WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC))?  1. Yes 2. No (skip to Q1.5) 3. Don't know (skip to Q1.5)
Q1.4.1. If the answer to Q1.4 is <b>yes</b> , are your PLOs closely aligned with the mission/goals/outcomes of the accreditation agency?  1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know
Q1.5. Did your program use the <i>Degree Qualification Profile</i> ("DQP", see http://degreeprofile.org) to develop your PLO(s)?
1. Yes
2. No, but I know what the DQP is
3. No, I don't know what the DQP is
4. Don't know
Q1.6. Did you use action verbs to make each PLO measurable?  1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know
(Remember: Save your progress)  Question 2: Standard of Performance for the Selected PLO  Q2.1.
Select <u>OR</u> type in <b>ONE(1)</b> PLO here as an example to illustrate how you conducted assessment (be sure you <i>checked the correct box</i> for this PLO in Q1.1):
Global Learning and Perspectives

3. Demo	nstrate a	awarenes	ground information about the <b>specific PLO</b> you've chosen in Q2.1. s of global, historical, and institutional forces				
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<ul><li>1. Y</li><li>2. I</li></ul>	'es No Don't kna		ed or adopted <b>explicit</b> standards of performance for this PLO?				
Please <b>p</b> i	rovide t	he rubri	c(s) and standards of performance that you have developed for this PLO here or in the				
appendix		r the rub	ria				
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2 on the	rubric (	adapted	from the VALUE Rubrics).				
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Q2.4. PLO	Q2.5. Stdrd	Q2.6. Rubric	Please indicate where you have published the <b>PLO</b> , the <b>standard</b> of performance, and the <b>rubric</b> that was used to measure the PLO:				
•	•	•	1. In <b>SOME</b> course syllabi/assignments in the program that address the PLO				
			2. In <b>ALL</b> course syllabi/assignments in the program that address the PLO				
			3. In the student handbook/advising handbook				
			4. In the university catalogue				
			5. On the academic unit website or in newsletters				
•	<b>✓</b>	•	6. In the assessment or program review reports, plans, resources, or activities				
		•	7. In new course proposal forms in the department/college/university				
			8. In the department/college/university's strategic plans and other planning documents				
	8. In the department/college/university's strategic plans and other planning documents  9. In the department/college/university's budget plans and other resource allocation documents						
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# Selected PLO Q3.1. Was assessment data/evidence collected for the selected PLO? ● 1. Yes ● 2. No (skip to Q6) ■ 3. Don't know (skip to Q6) ● 4. N/A (skip to Q6) Q3.1.1. How many assessment tools/methods/measures in total did you use to assess this PLO? Q3.2. Was the data scored/evaluated for this PLO?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No (skip to **Q6**)
- 3. Don't know (skip to Q6)
- 4. N/A (skip to Q6)

## Q3.2.1.

Please describe how you collected the assessment data for the selected PLO. For example, in what course(s) or by what means were data collected:

Students are assessed on their final research projects in our capstone course, Econ 145, Economic Research Methods. We collect data from faculty reading and assessing the final papers, and faculty attending final project presentations. Each faculty member was assigned 4 papers to read inthe Spring an

d the Fall of 2015 and each faculty member attended Econ145 presentations. faculty used rubrics to assess the PLO during the oral presentations as well as when reviewing the written papers.

Graduating seniors are also asked to complete the Graduating Senior Exit Questionnaire, which provides us with student feedback on the PLO.

# (Remember: Save your progress)

Question 3A: Direct Measures (key assignments, projects, portfolios, etc.)

# Q3.3

Were direct measures (key assignments, projects, portfolios, course work, student tests, etc.) used to assess this PLO?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No (skip to **Q3.7**)

8. Other, specify:

3. Don't know (skip to Q3.7)

# Q3.3.1.

Which of the following direct measures (key assignments, projects, portfolios, course work, student tests, etc.) were used? [Check all that apply]

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<b>4</b>	1. Capstone project (e.g. theses, senior theses), courses, or experiences
	2. Key assignments from required classes in the program
	3. Key assignments from elective classes
	4. Classroom based performance assessment such as simulations, comprehensive exams, or critiques
	5. External performance assessments such as internships or other community-based projects
	6. E-Portfolios
	7. Other Portfolios

# Q3.3.2.

Please **provide** the direct measure (key assignments, projects, portfolios, course work, student tests, etc.) you used to collect data, THEN **explain** how it assesses the PLO:

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Wha		tool was used to			
0			-		dence (skip to Q3.4.4.)
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0				· ·	group of faculty (skip to <b>Q3.4.2.</b> )
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0		5. The VALUE rub	ric(s) (skip	to <b>Q3.4.2</b> .	.)
	6	5. Modified VALU	E rubric(s)	(skip to <b>Q3</b>	.4.2.)
	7	7. Used other me	ans (Answe	er <b>Q3.4.1.</b> )	
Q3.	4.	1.			
If yo	ou	used other mear	ns, which of	f the followi	ing measures was used? [Check all that apply]
	1	L. National discipl	inary exam	s or state/p	professional licensure exams (skip to <b>Q3.4.4.</b> )
	2	2. General knowle	edge and sk	ills measure	es (e.g. CLA, ETS PP, etc.) (skip to <b>Q3.4.4.</b> )
	3	3. Other standard	ized knowle	edge and ski	ill exams (e.g. ETC, GRE, etc.) (skip to <b>Q3.4.4.</b> )
		1. Other, specify:			(skip to <b>Q3.4.4.</b> )
	•	i. Other, specify.			(Skip to <b>Q31</b> -11-11)
Q3.					W. W
Was		he <b>rubric</b> aligned	directly ar	nd explicitly	with the PLO?
		1. Yes			
		2. No			
		3. Don't know			
	2	1. N/A			
Q3.	4.	3.			
Was	t	he <b>direct meas</b> ı	<b>ure</b> (e.g. as	ssignment, t	thesis, etc.) aligned directly and explicitly with the rubric?
•	1	1. Yes			
0	2	2. No			
$\bigcirc$	3	3. Don't know			
	2	1. N/A			
Q3.	4.	4.			
			<b>ure</b> (e.g. as	ssignment, t	thesis, etc.) aligned directly and explicitly with the PLO?
	1	1. Yes			
	2	2. No			
	3	3. Don't know			
	2	1. N/A			
Q3.			mhers narti	rinated in n	lanning the assessment data <b>collection</b> of the selected PLO?
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Q3.5.1. How many faculty members participated in the <b>evaluation</b> of the assessment data for the selected PLO?
12
Q3.5.2.  If the data was evaluated by multiple scorers, was there a norming process (a procedure to make sure everyone was scoring similarly)?
1. Yes 2. No
3. Don't know
○ 4. N/A
Q3.6. How did you select the sample of student work (papers, projects, portfolios, etc.)? All presentations were evaluated by multiple faculty members as 53 randomly selected papers were evaluated as well.
Q3.6.1. How did you decide how many samples of student work to review?
We intended to assess all papers and presentations to avoid selection bias if possible.
Q3.6.2. How many students were in the class or program?  180
Q3.6.3. How many samples of student work did you evaluated?
64 papers and 180 presentations
Q3.6.4. Was the sample size of student work for the direct measure adequate?
1. Yes
2. No 3. Don't know

(Remember: Save your progress)

Question 3B: Indirect Measures (surveys, focus groups, interviews, etc.)
Q3.7. Were indirect measures used to assess the PLO?  1. Yes 2. No (skip to Q3.8) 3. Don't Know (skip to Q3.8)
<ul> <li>Q3.7.1.</li> <li>Which of the following indirect measures were used? [Check all that apply]</li> <li>1. National student surveys (e.g. NSSE)</li> <li>2. University conducted student surveys (e.g. OIR)</li> <li>3. College/department/program student surveys or focus groups</li> <li>4. Alumni surveys, focus groups, or interviews</li> <li>5. Employer surveys, focus groups, or interviews</li> <li>6. Advisory board surveys, focus groups, or interviews</li> <li>✓ 7. Other, specify: Graduating Student Exit Questionnaire</li> </ul>
Q3.7.1.1. Please explain and attach the indirect measure you used to collect data:
All graduating seniors were asked to participate.   No file attached  No file attached  No file attached  No file attached  Response to participate.
All were included to avoid selection bias if possible.
Q3.7.3.  If surveys were used, how did you select your sample:
All were included to avoid selection bias if possible.

Roughly 30%
Question 3C: Other Measures (external benchmarking, licensing exams, standardized tests, etc.)
Q3.8. Were external benchmarking data, such as licensing exams or standardized tests, used to assess the PLO?  1. Yes 2. No (skip to Q3.8.2) 3. Don't Know (skip to Q3.8.2)
Q3.8.1. Which of the following measures was used? [Check all that apply]  1. National disciplinary exams or state/professional licensure exams 2. General knowledge and skills measures (e.g. CLA, ETS PP, etc.) 3. Other standardized knowledge and skill exams (e.g. ETC, GRE, etc.) 4. Other, specify:  Q3.8.2. Were other measures used to assess the PLO? 1. Yes 2. No (skip to Q4.1) 3. Don't know (skip to Q4.1)  Q3.8.3. If other measures were used, please specify:
<ul><li>■ No file attached</li><li>■ No file attached</li><li>(Remember: Save your progress)</li></ul>
Question 4: Data, Findings, and Conclusions
<b>Q4.1.</b> Please provide simple tables and/or graphs to summarize the assessment data, findings, and conclusions for the selected PLO in <b>Q2.1</b> :
See attached

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performance of the selected PLO? Roughly three-fourths of our students achi Our goal is 100% of students at 2 or above not surprised to see this shortcoming. We discussing these particular institutional an improvement over earlier assessments of The Department is considering various pa * Stronger expectations in this area for our * Stronger expectations in this area for our	aths towards student improvement including:
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	pecified
PLO?  1. Yes	
2. No 3. Don't know	
Q4.5. Were all the assessment tools/measures/me  1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know	thods that were used good measures of the PLO?
Question 5: Use of Assessme	ent Data (Closing the Loop)
Q5.1. As a result of the assessment effort and base program (e.g. course structure, course content of the second o	ed on prior feedback from OAPA, do you anticipate <i>making any changes</i> for your nt, or modification of PLOs)?

**Q5.1.1.** Please describe *what changes* you plan to make in your program as a result of your assessment of this PLO. Include a description of how you plan to assess the impact of these changes.

* Stronger expectations in this area for our faculty (especially  * Stronger expectations in this area for our students throughout  * More focus on institutional factors and ethics in economic definition of the stronger expectations in this area for our students throughout  * More focus on institutional factors and ethics in economic definition of the stronger expectations in this area for our faculty (especially  * More focus on institutional factors and ethics in economic definition of the stronger expectations in this area for our faculty (especially  * More focus on institutional factors and ethics in economic definition of the stronger expectations in this area for our faculty (especially  * More focus on institutional factors and ethics in economic definition of the stronger expectations in this area for our students throughout  * More focus on institutional factors and ethics in economic definition of the stronger expectations in this area for our students in the stronger expectation of the stronger expectation in this area for our students in the stronger expectation of	part-time fa ut this cour	aculty) se and thos	se leading ι		
Q5.1.2. Do you have a plan to assess the <i>impact of the changes</i> that you  1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know	anticipate	making?			
Q5.2. Since your last assessment report, how have the assessment data from then been used so far?	1. Very Much	2. Quite a Bit	3. Some	4. Not at All	5. N/A
1. Improving specific courses					
2. Modifying curriculum	0	0	•		0
3. Improving advising and mentoring			•		
4. Revising learning outcomes/goals					
5. Revising rubrics and/or expectations	0	0	•	0	0
6. Developing/updating assessment plan	•				
7. Annual assessment reports	•	0	0	0	0
8. Program review	0	0		0	•
9. Prospective student and family information					•
10. Alumni communication					•
11. WSCUC accreditation (regional accreditation)					•
12. Program accreditation					•
13. External accountability reporting requirement					•
14. Trustee/Governing Board deliberations					•
15. Strategic planning					
16. Institutional benchmarking					•
17. Academic policy development or modifications					

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20. New faculty hiring

18. Institutional improvement

22. Recruitment of new students

19. Resource allocation and budgeting

21. Professional development for faculty and staff

**Q5.2.1.** Please provide a detailed example of how you used the assessment data above:

We continued to modify our assessment policies and plan to be not the one used this year to assess theory.  We dedicate time in department meetings to discuss the assessment policies and plan to be not the one used this year to assess theory.					
Q5.3. To what extent did you apply last year's feedback from the Office of Academic Program Assessment in the following areas?	1. Very Much	2. Quite a bit	3. Some	4. Not at All	5. N/A
1. Program Learning Outcomes			0	•	
2. Standards of Performance	0	0	0	•	0
3. Measures	0	0	0	•	0
4. Rubrics	0	0	0	•	0
5. Alignment	0	0	0	•	
6. Data Collection	0		0	•	
7. Data Analysis and Presentation					
8. Use of Assessment Data					
9. Other, please specify:			0		•
in any of the areas above:  N/A					
(Remember: Save your progress) Additional Assessment Activities					
<b>Q6.</b> Many academic units have collected assessment data on aspect of the impacts of an advising center, etc.). <b>If</b> your program/academic unit hereport your results here:					
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✓ 1. Critical Thinking	
2. Information Literacy	
3. Written Communication	
4. Oral Communication	
5. Quantitative Literacy	
6. Inquiry and Analysis	
7. Creative Thinking	
8. Reading	
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14. Foundations and Skills for Lifelong Learning	
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16. Integrative and Applied Learning	
17. Overall Competencies for GE Knowledge	
18. Overall Disciplinary Knowledge	
19. Professionalism	
20. Other, specify any PLOs not included above:	
a.	
b	
c.	
Q8. Please attach any additional files here:	
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Q8.1.	
Have you attached any files to this form? If yes, please list every attached file here:	
Program Information ( <b>Required</b> )	
Program:	
(If you typed your program name at the beginning, please skip to Q10)	
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<b>Q9.</b> Program/Concentration Name: [skip if program name appears above]	
BA Economics	
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Q10. Report Author(s):	
David Lang	

**Q10.1.**Department Chair/Program Director:

David Lang
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Q10.2. Assessment Coordinator:
Suzanne O'Keefe
211.
Department/Division/Program of Academic Unit
212.
College: College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies
Lonege of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies
213.
otal enrollment for Academic Unit during assessment semester (see Departmental Fact Book):
449
<b>214.</b> Program Type:
1. Undergraduate baccalaureate major
2. Credential
3. Master's Degree
4. Doctorate (Ph.D./Ed.D./Ed.S./D.P.T./etc.)
5. Other, specify:
5. Other, specify.
215. Number of undergraduate degree programs the academic unit has?
215.1. List all the names:
BA Economics
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215.2. How many concentrations appear on the diploma for this undergraduate program?
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216. Number of master's degree programs the academic unit has?
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Q16.1. List all the names:
MA Economics

 $\textbf{Q16.2.} \ \, \text{How many concentrations appear on the diploma for this master's program?}$ 

<b>Q17.</b> Number of <b>credential programs</b>	the academ	nic unit has	?					
Q17.1. List all the names:								
<b>Q18.</b> Number of <b>doctorate degree pro</b>	ograms the	academic	unit has?					
Q18.1. List all the names:								
When was your <b>assessment plan</b>	1. Before 2011-12	2. 2012-13	3. 2013-14	4. 2014-15	5. 2015-16	6. 2016-17	7. No Plan	8. Don't know
Q19. developed?								
Q19.1. last updated?								
Q19.2. (REQUIRED) Please obtain and attach your latest as  10 No file attached	ssessment	plan:						
Q20. Has your program developed a curricula  1. Yes  2. No  3. Don't know	um map?							

**Q22.** Does your program have a capstone class?

1. Yes, indicate: Econ 145

$\bigcirc$	2. No
	3. Don't know
Q22	.1. s your program have any capstone project?
	1. Yes
	2. No

(Remember: Save your progress)

3. Don't know

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# Global, Historical, Institutional, and Ethical Values Rubric

Table for Assessing Awareness of Global, Historical and Institutional Forces, and Ethical Values in Economic Decisions from Econ 145 Final Papers

<b>Economics Learning Goal</b>	Capstone	Capstone Milestones		
	4	3	2	1
3. Demonstrates awareness of global, historical, or institutional forces	Applies knowledge of global, historic, or contemporary human institutions to inform economic analysis.	Analyzes elements of global, historical, or contemporary institutions and recognizes their relevance to economic analysis.	Examines elements of global, historical, or contemporary institutions and mentions some relevance to economic analysis.	Identifies the basic role of some global, historical, or contemporary institutions but does not understand their relevance to economic analysis.
5. Recognizes the role of ethical values in economic decisions	Interprets statistical results accurately and ethically, explains implications of statistically significant coefficients and relevance to the real world, and discusses limitations of their research.	Interprets statistical results accurately and ethically, explains implications of statistically significant coefficients, and mentions limitations of their research.	Interprets statistical results accurately, recognizes statistical significance, but only cursorily identifies implications or limitations of their research.	Interprets statistical results, but does not identify implications or limitations of their research.

# ECONOMICS 145 – Table for Assessing Global, Historical, Institutional Forces, and Ethical Values Final Project Presentations

# Please score on a scale of 1-4 using criteria from the Rubric Above

			Student							
	1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10						10		
3. Demonstrates awareness of global, historical, or institutional forces										
5. Recognizes the role of ethical values in economic decisions										

# **Global/Institutional Awareness and Ethical Values Rubric Table for Assessing Goals 3 and 5 from Econ 145 Final Papers**

	Capstone	Milesto	ones	Benchmark	<b>Total (n=53)</b>		
	4	3	2	1	% meeting standard		
Demonstrates awareness of global, historical, or institutional forces	15.1%	22.6%	37.7%	24.5%	75.5%		
Recognizes the role of ethical values in economic decisions	17.0%	28.3%	34.0%	24.5%	75.5%		

# Global, Historical, Institutional, and Ethical Values Rubric

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# ECONOMICS 145 – Table for Assessing Global, Historical, Institutional Forces, and Ethical Values Final Project Presentations

# Please score on a scale of 1-4 using criteria from the Rubric Above

			Student							
	1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10						10		
3. Demonstrates awareness of global, historical, or institutional forces										
5. Recognizes the role of ethical values in economic decisions										

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