2016-2017 Annual Assessment Report Template

Office of Academic Program Assessment

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Program Name: Women's Studies

Question 1: Program Learning Outcomes

Question 2.1.10g.u.	Learning Gateonies
Q1.1. Which of the following Program Learning Outcomes	Q1.2. Please provide more detailed background information
(PLOs), Sac State Baccalaureate Learning Goals (BLGs), and	about EACH PLO you checked above and other information
emboldened Graduate Learning Goals (GLGs) did you assess?	including how your specific PLOs were explicitly linked to the Sac
[Check all that apply]	State BLGs/GLGs:
 X 1. Critical thinking 2. Information literacy X 3. Written communication 4. Oral communication 5. Quantitative literacy 6. Inquiry and analysis 7. Creative thinking 8. Reading 9. Team work 10. Problem solving 	(1) Critical Thinking: Know, evaluate, and compare feminist theories. Students were assessed for knowledge of feminist theories and their ability to evaluate and compare different feminist theories and approaches. This PLO is directly linked to the following two University Baccalaureate Learning Goals: Competence in the Discipline and Personal and Social Responsibility. Women's Studies is one of the few departments where students read texts addressing social justice; racial, gender, sexual, and economic discrimination; relations of power; and structural inequality, both within the United States and transnationally. Most Women's Studies majors develop strong
11. Civic knowledge and engagement 12. Intercultural Knowledge, Competency, and	perspectives on these issues and have a highly developed sense of personal and social responsibility.
Perspectives 13. Ethical reasoning 14. Foundations and skills for lifelong learning 15. Global learning and Perspectives X 16. Integrative and applied learning 17. Overall competencies for GE Knowledge 18. Overall competencies in the major/discipline	(2) Written Communication: Demonstrate effective written communication. This criterion was used to measure students' ability to effectively organize their argument, express their ideas clearly, and support their analysis with evidence. This PLO falls under the University Baccalaureate Learning Goal of Intellectual and Practical Skills.
19. Professionalism 20. Other, specify any PLOs that were assessed but not included above: a. b. c.	(3) Integrative & Applied Learning: Apply feminist perspectives to social issues/institutions or organization. This criterion was used to measure the students' ability to apply feminist theories to think about a particular institution, organization, or social problem. Students were assessed for their ability to research an institution and apply the theoretical course readings to develop an analysis of social and institutional power structures and inequalities within that institution/issue. This PLO is linked to Intellectual and Practical Skills and Integrative Learning.

Q1.2.1. Do you have rubrics for your PLOs? X 1. Yes, for all PLOs 2. Yes, but for some PLOs 3. No rubrics for PLOs 4. N/A, other (please specify):		Q1.3. Are your PLOs claligned with the mission university? X 1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know	-	Q1.4. Is your program externally accredited (other than through WASC)? 1. Yes X 2. No (Go to Q1.5) 3. Don't know (Go to Q1.5)
Q1.4.1. If the answer to Q1.4 is yes, are your PLOs closely aligned with the mission/goals/outcomes of the accreditation agency? 1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know	· — ·		each PLO X 1. Ye 2. No	
In questions 2 thro				
Question 2: Sta	indard of Per	formance for th	ne sele	cted PLO

Q 2.1. Select ONE(1) PLO here as an example to illustrate how	Q2.1.1. Please provide more background information about the
you've conducted assessment (be sure you checked the correct	specific PLO you've chosen in Q2.1:
box for this PLO in Q1.1):	The PLO of Critical Thinking was assessed using the final written
X 1. Critical thinking	assignment for the capstone Seminar in Women's Studies: WOMS
2. Information literacy	180: Seminar in Feminist Theory, in which students demonstrated
3. Written communication	their knowledge of feminist theory and their ability to evaluate
4. Oral communication	and compare different feminist theories and ideas. This criterion
5. Quantitative literacy	was used to measure students' understanding and competency in
6. Inquiry and analysis	feminist theories and perspectives through engagement with
7. Creative thinking	classic and contemporary texts that deal with historical, socio-
8. Reading	cultural, sexual, political, and economic challenges faced by
9. Team work	women and minorities.
10. Problem solving	
11. Civic knowledge and engagement	
12. Intercultural Knowledge, Competency, and	
Perspectives	
13. Ethical reasoning	
14. Foundations and skills for lifelong learning	
15. Global learning and Perspectives	
16. Integrative and applied learning	
17. Overall competencies for GE Knowledge	
18. Overall competencies in the major/discipline	
19. Professionalism	
20. Other, specify any PLOs that were assessed but not	
included above:	
a.	
b.	
C.	
Q2.2. Has the program developed or adopted explicit standards of	of performance for this PLO?
X 1. Yes	or performance for this rizo.
2. No	
3. Don't know	
4. N/A	

Q2.3. <u>Please provide the rubric(s)</u> [Word limit: 300]	and standard of performance t	hat you have developed for this P	LO her	e or in th	e appendi	x:
Grading Criteria	4 – Highly Competent	3 – Mostly Competent	2 – SI	ightly Cor	mpetent	
Critical Thinking:	<u> </u>	, .		<u> </u>		
(1) Demonstrate knowledge	Demonstrates a clear	Demonstrates good	Dem	onstrates	some	
& explanation of feminist	mastery of feminist Issues	understanding of feminist	unde	derstanding of feminist		nist
Issues	, and the second	Issues	Issue	_		
	Provides excellent					
(2) Provide Evidence	evidence of scholarship to	Provides clear evidence to	Prov	ides som	e eviden	ce to
	support claims &	support claims and	supp	ort claim	s and	
	arguments.	arguments		ments		
	Provides excellent	Provides strong			e justific	ation
(3) Student's Position &	justifications and	justification and summary	and s	summary	,	
Conclusion	summary of main	of arguments				
	arguments					
Please indicate where you have pul	 olished the PLO. the standard o	performance, and		Q2.4	Q2.5	Q2.6
the rubric that measures the PLO:	,	,				,
					(2) Standards of Performance	so.
					nda naı	oric
					Stal fori	Ruk
						(3) Rubrics
1. In SOME course syllabi/assignme				Х	Х	Х
2. In ALL course syllabi/assignments		ne PLO				
3. In the student handbook/advisin	g handbook					
4. In the university catalogue	in a surelattana			V		V
5. On the academic unit website or				Х	Х	Х
6. In the assessment or program re7. In new course proposal forms in						
8. In the department/college/unive		•				
9. In the department/college/unive						
10. Other, specify:	isity 3 budget plans and other i	esource anotation documents				
	n 3: Data Collection	Methods and Evalua	atior	n of		
•	Data Quality for	the <u>Selected</u> PLO				
Q3.1. Was assessment data/eviden	ce collected for the selected	Q3.2. If yes, was the data score	d/evalu	uated for	this PLO?	
PLO?		X 1. Yes				
X 1. Yes		2. No (Skip to Q6)				
2. No (Skip to Q6)		3. Don't know (Skip to Q6)				
3. Don't know (Skip to Q6)		4. N/A (Skip to Q6)				
4. N/A (Skip to Q6)						

Q3.1.1. How many assessment tools/method did you use to assess this PLO?	ds/measures in total	Q3.2.1 Please describe how you collected the assessmen for the selected PLO. For example, in what course(s) or b means were data collected (see Attachment II)? [Word lin		
One direct assessment was used, the final as capstone seminar in Women's Studies.	ssignment for the	Two of the three full time faculty in the department were involved in grading the final assignments for the capstone Seminar in Feminist Theory based on the established rubric.		
Q3A: Direct Me	easures (key ass	signments, proje	cts, portfolios)	
Q3.3. Were direct measures [key assignment portfolios, course work, student tests, etc.] of PLO? X 1. Yes 2. No (Go to Q3.7) 3. Don't know (Go to Q3.7) Q3.3.2. Please provide the direct measure you data, THEN explain how it assesses the PLO: The final assignment prompt, which was used as assess the PLO is attached. The PLO was assessed measures provided in the grading rubric, which is	ou used to collect the direct measure to	[Check all that apply] 1. Capstone proj courses, or e X 2. Key assignmen 3. Key assignmen 4. Classroom bas simulations, 5. External perfo	nts from required classes in the program into from elective classes sed performance assessments such as comprehensive exams, critiques formance assessments such as internships from the projects	
Q3.4. How was the data evaluated? [Select of the continuation of t	dence (Go to Q3.4.4) he faculty who group of faculty	measures were used? 1. National discip exams 2. General knowl (e.g., CLA, CAA		
Q3.4.2. Was the rubric aligned directly and explicitly with the PLO? X 1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know 4. N/A	Q3.4.3. Was the direct measure (e.g. assignment, thesis, etc.) aligned directly and explicitly with the rubric? X 1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know 4. N/A		Q3.4.4. Was the direct measure (e.g. assignment, thesis, etc.) aligned directly and explicitly with the PLO? X 1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know 4. N/A	
Q3.5. How many faculty members participated in planning the assessment data collection of the selected PLO? Two out of the three full time faculty in the department.	Q3.5.1 How many faculty members participated in planning the evaluation of the assessment data for the selected PLO? Two out of the three full time faculty.		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)? X 1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know	

Q3.6. How did you select the sample of stude projects, portfolios, etc.]? There was no selection process. The final assignment Studies majors who were registered in the capstrassessed.	nents of all Women's	Q3.6.1. How did you to review? N/A	decide how many samples of student work	
Q3.6.2. How many students were in the class or program? 26	Q3.6.3. How many sa work did you evaluat 22			
			interviews, etc.)	
Q3.7. Were indirect measures used to assess 1. Yes X 2. No (Skip to Q3.8) 3. Don't know Q3.7.1.1 Please explain and attach the indirect used to collect data: Q3.7.2 If surveys were used, how was the same and attach the same attach the	ect measure you ample size decided?	[Check all that apply 1. National stude 2. University cor 3. Program stude 4. Alumni survey 5. Employer surv 6. Advisory boar 7. Other, specify	ent surveys (e.g., NSSE) inducted student surveys (e.g. OIR) ent surveys or focus groups vs, focus groups, or interviews veys, focus groups, or interviews d surveys, focus groups, or interviews v:	
Q3.7.3. If surveys were used, how did you s	elect your sample?	Q3.7.4. If surveys we	ere used, what was the response rate?	
Q3C: Other Med	•	benchmarking, d tests, etc.)	licensing exams,	
Q3.8. Were external benchmarking data suclicensing exams or standardized tests used to assess the PLO? 1. Yes X 2. No (Go to Q3.8.2) 3. Don't know	1. Natio 2. Gene 3. Othe	onal disciplinary exams eral knowledge and ski	easures were used? (Check all that apply) s or state/professional licensure exams Ils measures (e.g., CLA, CAAP, ETS PP, etc.) edge and skill exams (e.g., ETS, GRE, etc.)	
Q3.8.2. Were other measures used to asses 1. Yes 2. No (Go to Q4.1) 3. Don't know (Go to Q4.1)	s the PLO?	Q3.8.3. If other mean	sures were used, please specify:	

Question 4: Data, Findings and Conclusions

Q4.1. Please provide simple tables and/or graphs to summarize the assessment data, findings, and conclusions: (see Attachment III) [Word limit: 600 for selected PLO]

Different Levels Three Criteria (Areas)	Highly Competent (4)	Mostly Competent (3)	Slightly Competent (2)	Barely Competent (1)	Total
1. Demonstrate knowledge & Explanation of Feminist Issues	40.9%	45%	13.6%	0%	(100%, N=22)
2. Provide Evidence	27%	68%	4.5%	0%	(100%, N=22)
6.4: Student's position & Conclusion	31.8%	54.5%	13.6%	0%	(100%, N=22)

Q4.2. Are students doing well and meeting program standard? If not, how will the program work to improve student performance of the selected PLO?

Yes, students are doing exceeding well, not only meeting, but exceeding program standards. Please see table below:

PLO 1: Critical Thinking	Objective	Assessment Tool	Results	Conclusions
1. Demonstrate	70% of our	Culminating	15 out of 22	Continue with
knowledge of &	students will	Assignment in	students, i.e. 70%	Improvement
Explanation of Feminist	score 3 or above	Capstone course	scored above 3 in	Strategies
Issues	(out of 4)in all 3	WOMS 180:	all 3 criteria of the	
	criteria at the	Seminar in	PLO assessed	Encourage close
2. Provide Evidence	time of	Feminist Theory		reading of critical
	graduation		27% scored 2.5-	texts and essays
3. Students' Position &			2.8 out of 4	
Conclusion				
			Only 1 student	
			scored 2 out of 4	

Q4.3. For selected PLO, the student performance:	
X 1. Exceeded expectation/standard	
2. Met expectation/standard	
3. Partially met expectation/standard	
4. Did not meet expectation/standard	
5. No expectation or standard has been specified	
6. Don't know	
Q4A: Alignment a	and Quality
Q4.4. Did the data, including the direct measures, from all the	Q4.5. Were ALL the assessment tools/measures/methods
different assessment tools/measures/methods directly align with the	that were used good measures for the PLO?
PLO?	
X 1. Yes	X 1. Yes
2. No	2. No
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3. Don't know	3	. Don't know	<u> </u>		
Question 5: Use of Assessm		_		(40	
Q5.1. As a result of this year's assessment effort and based on the prior feedback from OAPA, do you anticipate making any changes for your program (e.g., course structure, course content, or modification of PLOs)? 1. Yes 2. No (Go to Q5.2) 3. Don't know (Go to Q5.2) Q5.1.2. Do you have a plan to assess the impact of the changes that you anticipate making? 1. Yes 2. No 3. Don't know	Q5.1.1. Pleas	se describe w result of you of how you pl	that changes our assessment an to assess t	you plan to m t of this PLO. I he impact of t	nclude a
Q5.2. Since your last assessment report, how have the assessment	ent data from	then been us	ed so far? [Cl	neck all that ap	ply]
	(1) Very Much	(2) Quite a Bit	(3) Some	(4) Not at all	(8) N/A
1. Improving specific courses			X		
2. Modifying curriculum					X
3. Improving advising and mentoring			Х		
4. Revising learning outcomes/goals		X			
5. Revising rubrics and/or expectations		X			
6. Developing/updating assessment plan			Х		
7. Annual assessment reports		х			
8. Program review					X
9. Prospective student and family information					X
10. Alumni communication					X
11. WASC accreditation (regional accreditation)					X
12. Program accreditation					X
13. External accountability reporting requirement					Х
14. Trustee/Governing Board deliberations					Х
15. Strategic planning					X
16. Institutional benchmarking					Х
17. Academic policy development or modification					Х
18. Institutional Improvement					Х
19. Resource allocation and budgeting					Х
20. New faculty hiring					Х
21. Professional development for faculty and staff					
22. Recruitment of new students					
23. Other Specify:					

Q5.2.1. Please provide a detailed example of how you used the as	ssessment da	ata above.					
The above data has confirmed what we already know about how our majors are performing. Our students have a strong knowledge and understanding of feminist issues. They are gaining sufficient exposure to feminist materials in all our classes. We should continue to provide a well-rounded learning experience in all our classes. Going forward, we should emphasize close connections between course reading materials and discussion of feminist issues in the classroom.							
Q5.3. To what extent did you apply last year's feedback from the	Office of Ac	adomic Drogr	am Assassm	ont in the fall	owing areas?		
Q3.3. To what extent did you apply last year's leedback from the	Office of Aca	aueiiiic Progr	alli Assessiii	ent in the fon	owing areas:		
	1. Very	2. Quite a	2 (4. Not at	5 N/A		
	Much	Bit	3. Some	All	5. N/A		
1. Program Learning Outcomes	Х						
2. Standards of Performance				Х			
3. Measures				Х			
4. Rubrics	X						
5. Alignment 6. Data Collection	Х			С			
7. Data Analysis and Presentation	X			C			
8. Use of Assessment Data			X				
9. Other, please specify:		<u> </u>	Λ				
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Q5.3.1.					_		
Please share with us an example of how you applied last year's fe	edback from	n the Office o	f Academic F	Program Asses	ssment in any		
of the areas above: Used information from Attachments II & !!! to develop Criteria for the Cri	itical Thinking	PI O					
osed information from Attachments if & ::: to develop Criteria for the Cr	iticai iiiiiikiiig	, PLO.					
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Additional Assessment Activities
Q6. Many academic units have collected assessment data on aspects of a program that are not related to PLOs (i.e., impacts of an advising center, etc.). If your program/academic unit has collected data on the program elements, please briefly report your results here. [Word limit: 300]
Q7. What PLO(s) do you plan to assess next year? X 1. Critical thinking 2. Information literacy 3. Written communication 4. Oral communication 5. Quantitative literacy 6. Inquiry and analysis 7. Creative thinking 8. Reading 9. Team work 10. Problem solving 11. Civic knowledge and engagement 12. Intercultural Knowledge, Competency, and Perspectives 13. Ethical reasoning 14. Foundations and skills for lifelong learning 15. Global learning and Perspectives X 16. Integrative and applied learning 17. Overall competencies for GE Knowledge 18. Overall competencies in the major/discipline 19. Professionalism 20. Other, specify any PLOs that were assessed but not included above: a. b. c.
Q8. Have you attached any files to this form? If yes, please list every attached file here: Attachment 1: Final Assignment for WOMS 180: Seminar in Feminist Theory Attachment 2: Grading Rubric

Program Information (Required)									
Q9. Program/Concentration Name(s):		Q10).1. Depa	artment (Chair/Pro	ogram Di	rector:		
Q10. Report Authors:		Q10.2. Assessment Coordinator:							
Q11. Academic unit: Department, Program, or College:		Q12	2. Colleg	e:					
Q13. Fall 2015 enrollment for Academic unit (See <u>Department</u> Fact Book by the Office of Institutional Research for fall enrollment):	<u>it</u>	Q14	1. Unde 2. Cred 3. Mast 4. Doct	im Type: ergraduat ential er's degr orate (Ph er. Please	e baccal ee .D./Ed.D	aureate	major	c.)	
Undergraduate Degree Program(s): Q15. Number of undergraduate degree programs the academic unit has:			5. Numb	i ree Prog er of Mas		gree pro	grams th	e acaden	nic unit
Q15.1. List all the name(s):		Q16	5.1. List a	all the na	me(s):				
Q15.2. How many concentrations appear on the diploma for this undergraduate program? Q16.2. How many concentrations appear on the diploma for this master program?				pear on the diploma for					
Credential Program(s): Q17. Number of credential programs the academic unit has: Q17.1. List all the names:	Doctorate Program(s) Q18. Number of doctorate degree programs the academic unit has: Q18.1. List all the name(s):							mic unit	
When was your assessment plan (Please obtain and attach the assessment plan)	1. Refore	2011-12	2. 2012-13	3. 2013-14	4. 2014-15	5. 2015-16	6. 2016-17	7. No Plan	8. Do not Know
Q19 developed?	Χ								
Q19.1 last updated?							Х		_
					1. Yes	2. No	3. Don't Know		
Q20. Have you developed a curriculum map for this program? <i>Please obtain and attach the curriculum map</i> .									
Q20.1. Has the program indicated explicitly where the assessment of student learning occurs in the curriculum?					culum?				
Q22. Does the program have a capstone class?									
Q22.1. Does the program have ANY capstone project?									

Attachment I: The Development of Program Learning Outcomes

The Importance of Verbs

Multiple Interpretations:	Fewer Interpretations:
to grasp	to write
to know	to recite
to enjoy	to identify
to believe	to construct
to appreciate	to solve
to understand	to compare

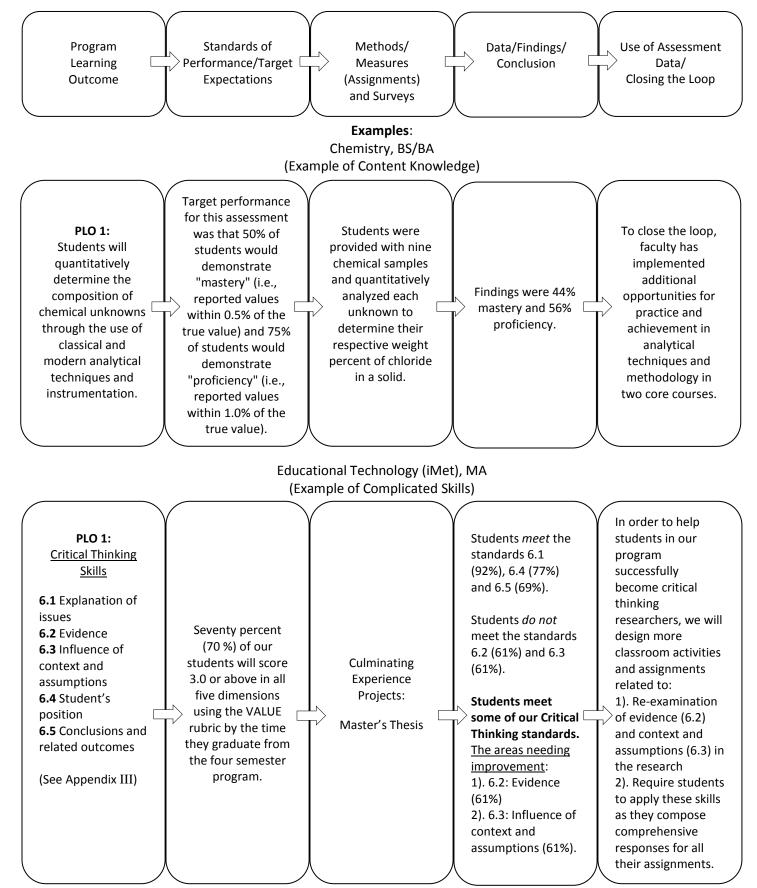
Relevant Verbs in Defining Learning Outcomes

(Based on Bloom's Taxonomy)

Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Synthesis	Evaluation
Cite	Arrange	Apply	Analyze	Arrange	Appraise
Define	Classify	Change	Appraise	Assemble	Assess
Describe	Convert	Compute	Break Down	Categorize	Choose
Identify	Describe	Construct	Calculate	Collect	Compare
Indicate	Defend	Demonstrate	Categorize	Combine	Conclude
Know	Diagram	Discover	Compare	Compile	Contrast
Label	Discuss	Dramatize	Contrast	Compose	Criticize
List	Distinguish	Employ	Criticize	Construct	Decide
Match	Estimate	Illustrate	Debate	Create	Discriminate
Memorize	Explain	Interpret	Determine	Design	Estimate
Name	Extend	Investigate	Diagram	Devise	Evaluate
Outline	Generalize	Manipulate	Differentiate	Explain	Explain
Recall	Give Examples	Modify	Discriminate	Formulate	Grade
Recognize	Infer	Operate	Distinguish	Generate	Interpret
Record	Locate	Organize	Examine	Manage	Judge
Relate	Outline	Practice	Experiment	Modify	Justify
Repeat	Paraphrase	Predict	Identify	Organizer	Measure
Reproduce	Predict	Prepare	Illustrate	Perform	Rate
Select	Report	Produce	Infer	Plan	Relate
State	Restate	Schedule	Inspect	Prepare	Revise
Underline	Review	Shop	Inventory	Produce	Score
	Suggest	Sketch	Outline	Propose	Select
	Summarize	Solve	Question	Rearrange	Summarize
	Translate	Translate	Relate	Reconstruct	Support
		Use	Select	Relate	Value
			Solve	Reorganize	
			Test	Revise	

Attachment II: Simplified Annual Assessment Report

Basic Assessment



Attachment III: Assessing Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for the Educational Technology (iMet) Graduate Program (example)

Table I: The Results for Critical Thinking PLO

Note: Data shown here drawn from Data Collection Sheet¹ Five Criteria adopted from Critical Thinking VALUE Rubric

Different Levels Five Criteria (Areas)	Capstone (4)	Milestone (3)	Milestone (2)	Benchmark (1)	Total
6.1: Explanation of issues	38%	54%	0%	8%	(100%, N=13)
6.2: Evidence	15%	46%	23%	15%	(100%, N=13)
6.3: Influence of context and assumptions	15%	46%	23%	15%	(100%, N=13)
6.4: Student's position	23%	54%	8%	15%	(100%, N=13)
6.5: Conclusions and related outcomes	15%	54%	15%	15%	(100%, N=13)

Standards of Performance for Education Technology (iMet) Graduate Students

Seventy percent (70%) of our students will score 3.0 or above using the VALUE rubric by the time they graduate from the four semester program.

¹Table 2: Critical Thinking Data Collection Sheet

Different Levels	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)	Total
Five Criteria (Areas)					
6.1: Explanation of issues	5	7	0	1	(N=13)
6.2: Evidence	2	6	3	2	(N=13)
6.3: Influence of context and assumptions	2	6	3	2	(N=13)
6.4: Student's position	3	7	1	2	(N=13)
6.5: Conclusions and related outcomes	2	7	2	2	(N=13)

Grading Rubric for WOMS 180 Final Assignment

Grading Criteria	4 – Highly	3 – Mostly	2 – Slightly	1 – Barely
	Competent	Competent	Competent	Competent
Critical Thinking:				
(1) Demonstrate knowledge & explanation of feminist Issues	Demonstrates a clear mastery of feminist Issues	Demonstrates good understanding of feminist Issues	Demonstrates some understanding of feminist Issues	Demonstrates little understanding of feminist Issues Provides little to no
(2) Provide Evidence	Provides excellent evidence of scholarship to support claims & arguments.	Provides clear evidence to support claims and arguments	Provides some evidence to support claims and arguments	evidence to support claims and arguments
(3) Student's Position & Conclusion	Provides excellent justifications and summary of main arguments	Provides strong justification and summary of arguments	Provides some justification and summary.	Provides no explanations or summary of main points.
Written Communication:				
(1) Demonstrate clear organization & use supporting evidence	Paper is well organized with excellent intro, strong paragraphs, transitions, adequate supporting quotes, summary & critical analysis.	Well organized with good ideas and well developed paras, supporting quotes and explanations.	Organization needs improvement. Paragraphs are weak, lacking transitions. Either too much summary, or very little explanation of context. Needs supporting quotes.	Lacks organization, poorly constructed paragraphs. Discussion not adequate. Lacks quotes, arguments, & substantial context.
(2) Use proper syntax, grammar, & demonstrate attention to audience engagement	Paper is engaging, with no grammar errors.	Topic is quite interesting & there may be slight grammar errors.	Topic is somewhat engaging for audience. Several grammar errors.	Topic is not engaging. There may or may not be several grammar errors.
Integrative & Applied Learning: Explain Social Issues and Problems	Demonstrates excellent understanding of social issues & problems from feminist perspectives	Demonstrate understanding of social issues & Institutions from feminist perspectives	Some understanding of social issues	Some attempt has been made to demonstrate understanding of social issues & problems
Apply feminist perspectives to social issues/institutions or organization	Demonstrates an excellent application of theories to social context	Demonstrates a suitable application of feminist theories to social context	Theories are somewhat applied to context.	Attempts to apply theory to context.

WOMS 180: Assignment II

Your goal in this paper is to choose a particular institution, organization or social problem and use feminist theory to: a) identify a specific set of feminist problems within this institution or organization, b) analyze the structures of power operating within this space, and c) examine alternative structures and frameworks for addressing the feminist concerns within this space.

Throughout your analysis, develop comparisons among **3** different theoretical frameworks from a minimum of 5 different essays you have read in this course, starting from postcolonial theory up to the end of the semester. Discuss specific feminist issues or problems around which you can develop your comparisons.

Examples of Topics: the school system or higher education; bilingual education; education/job/safety of undocumented individuals; hospitals; pharmaceutical industry; legal establishment (such as the district attorney's office OR legal aid services, etc.); law enforcement; ICE; government; homeless or domestic violence shelters; childcare centers; protection agencies or legal aid organizations for undocumented people; a private corporation; state government services, social welfare; prisons; a sport, cultural festival, LGBTQ Pride centers, Transgender rights agencies or centers; planned parenthood, etc; hate crimes, the economic crisis, war, media & pop culture; music videos; global economic practices, multi-cultural centers, immigration reform agencies, women's health clinics, new social movements (like Black Lives Matter), etc.

Here are some Questions to get you thinking: How do feminist theories help you understand this particular institution and the structuring of power relations within it? What strategies do theories offer in challenging and dismantling intersecting discourses of gender, race, class, and culture? What possibilities for global feminist identity politics can you come up with based on your feminist reading of this particular institution?

Try to come up with a specific conclusion regarding the effectiveness of these theories and their contribution to the advancement of feminist scholarship.

Paper should be minimum 12-15 pages long in Times New Roman 12 font, double spaced with 1" margins all around in a format of your choice. Use both in-class and outside sources to develop your analysis. **Minimum 10 sources required with at least 5 texts from class**.

Submission Deadlines

- 1) April 4th: Submit a brief proposal of Research Topic on SacCT Discussion Board and get my approval.
- 2) April 25th: Submit a 3-4 page draft of the research paper.
- 3) May 12th: Submit final Assignment on SacCT before 11.59 p.m.

Email or talk to me if you need any help/clarifications. Enjoy writing the paper!

Grading Rubric for WOMS 180 Final Assignment

Grading Criteria	4 – Highly	3 – Mostly	2 – Slightly	1 – Barely
	Competent	Competent	Competent	Competent
Critical Thinking:				
(1) Demonstrate knowledge & explanation of feminist Issues	Demonstrates a clear mastery of feminist Issues	Demonstrates good understanding of feminist Issues	Demonstrates some understanding of feminist Issues	Demonstrates little understanding of feminist Issues Provides little to no
(2) Provide Evidence	Provides excellent evidence of scholarship to support claims & arguments.	Provides clear evidence to support claims and arguments	Provides some evidence to support claims and arguments	evidence to support claims and arguments
(3) Student's Position & Conclusion	Provides excellent justifications and summary of main arguments	Provides strong justification and summary of arguments	Provides some justification and summary.	Provides no explanations or summary of main points.
Written Communication:				
(1) Demonstrate clear organization & use supporting evidence	Paper is well organized with excellent intro, strong paragraphs, transitions, adequate supporting quotes, summary & critical analysis.	Well organized with good ideas and well developed paras, supporting quotes and explanations.	Organization needs improvement. Paragraphs are weak, lacking transitions. Either too much summary, or very little explanation of context. Needs supporting quotes.	Lacks organization, poorly constructed paragraphs. Discussion not adequate. Lacks quotes, arguments, & substantial context.
(2) Use proper syntax, grammar, & demonstrate attention to audience engagement	Paper is engaging, with no grammar errors.	Topic is quite interesting & there may be slight grammar errors.	Topic is somewhat engaging for audience. Several grammar errors.	Topic is not engaging. There may or may not be several grammar errors.
Integrative & Applied Learning: Explain Social Issues and Problems	Demonstrates excellent understanding of social issues & problems from feminist perspectives	Demonstrate understanding of social issues & Institutions from feminist perspectives	Some understanding of social issues	Some attempt has been made to demonstrate understanding of social issues & problems
Apply feminist perspectives to social issues/institutions or organization	Demonstrates an excellent application of theories to social context	Demonstrates a suitable application of feminist theories to social context	Theories are somewhat applied to context.	Attempts to apply theory to context.