



General Education Assessment

What is a General Education assessment?

Our assessment is a multi-year process where the college identifies fundamental competencies which our students need to succeed. From these competency categories, we created student learning outcomes or SWiBAT statements, which identify the specific skills or abilities we want our students to demonstrate through learning at our institution.

Annually, samples of student work (also known as artifacts) are collected for each area and scored using a SWiBAT rubric. These scores help us collect data to determine our students' performance in each competency. The General Education Assessment committee, comprised of faculty members, uses this data to discuss, evaluate methods, initiate changes/modifications, and ultimately, to enhance student success.

What are our SWiBAT Statements?

| Competency | SWiBAT Statement |
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| Communication I | Students will be able to demonstrate effective language skills. |
| Communication II | Students will create and present original work using discipline-specific material. |
| Critical Thinking | Students will be able to demonstrate analytical reasoning abilities by drawing inferences. |
| Reading Comprehension | Students will be able to read and demonstrate comprehension of written material. |

What specifically do we want our students to learn?

SWiBAT statements are broad. To drill down further into identifiable skills, we rely on the SWiBAT rubrics. Each statement has its own, corresponding rubric that defines the SWiBAT using three to four "Principles of Assessment." For example, Communication II is broken down into:

- Organization
- Language Use
- Supporting Material
- Central Message

Where can I find additional information about the assessment?

Information and documents related to the college's assessment are all located on the 'Curriculum & Information Resources' Moodle page. You can find the page by following the path:

[Moodle log in](#) > [Curriculum and Information Resources](#) > [Planning & Research](#) > [General Education Assessment](#)

If you are unable to access the page using this path, please contact eLearning for assistance.

How will I know the results of the assessment?

Results from our Scoring Day are distributed annually in several ways:

- Published as part of our Campus Wide Outcomes (CWO 2.6)
- Assessment results and summary of findings are published on the P&R Moodle page. One page summaries are prepared annually, with additional information supplied in the General Education Assessment Report
- Results are also presented during Faculty Assembly meetings each Fall

How can I participate?

- [Review the SWiBATs](#) and their corresponding rubrics, incorporate these principles into your courses
- [Join the collection efforts!](#) If called up during sampling, submit your students' work
- [Participate as a volunteer](#) during the annual Scoring Day event in June

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