Assessment Updates

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SLOAP: Information for Faculty

- Important Dates:
  - o **May 14, 2021** SLOAP Responses for **2020-2021** academic year due
  - o **May 14, 2021** SLOAP Responses for **2018-2019, 2019-2020** complete

- **Have you attached some sort of evidence that your SLOAP assessments actually took place?**

- Reminder: on the SLOAP site, the year on your responses should be the **FISCAL** year for which you are reporting. We are currently in FY21.
  - o To clarify:
    - ▪ FY 19 = 2018-2019 academic year (Year 1)
    - ▪ FY 20 = 2109-2020 academic year (Year 2)
    - ▪ FY 21 = 2020-2021 academic year (Year 3)

Institutional Learning Outcomes In & Out of the Classroom

By the time students graduate from Riverland with a certificate, degree, or diploma, the institution has set forth broad learning goals that they will have achieved.

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Riverland Community College's Institutional Learning Outcomes

Students at Riverland Community College:

1. think critically.
"Riverland graduates unify factual, creative, rational, and value-sensitive modes of thought."

2. are aware of the larger global community.
"Riverland graduates understand individual and group differences, and can apply cross-cultural social, economic, and political perspectives."

3. are prepared to be ethical, engaged citizens.
"Riverland graduates can identify, discuss, and reflect upon ethical dimensions of life as responsible and productive citizens."

4. communicate and collaborate.
"Riverland graduates are able to affectively employ different forms of communication tools and strategies collaboratively and independently."

As faculty know well, learning needs to be measured so that it can be verified. Now that Riverland has promised these four overarching outcomes to its graduates, it is the responsibility of the **entire institution** to deliver this learning. While, yes, much of it does take place in the classroom setting, be that Zoom, Brightspace, or in-person, learning also takes place in many other areas: athletics and other student activities, clubs and organizations, in the Math and Writing Center, in meetings with Enrollment Advisors, through work-study, and in many other areas. But <u>how</u> do we measure that learning? We will measure the ILOs through:

- **our Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Project (SLOAP)**
    - each ILO is tied to one or more Riverland Core Themes
    - we can measure the ILOs while measuring Core Themes
- **our newly-developed Student Engagement Survey**
    - students are asked to self-assess their learning through:
        - each event in which they participate
        - work-study experience
        - club and organizational involvement
- **a new course survey tool currently being piloted**
    - students are asked to assess learning for each ILO that applies to a class
- **tool(s) developed by Student Affairs departments**
    - preliminary work has already begun
    - launches planned to begin in late 2021 or 2022

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Assessment Updates: A Quick View

A BULLET POINT SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT-RELATED ACTIVITIES:

- **Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Project (SLOAP)**
  - responding to Higher Learning Commission report recommendations
  - planning for next phase of SLOAP (2021-2024)
    - SLOAP website improvements
    - targeting under-reported Goal areas for next cycle
    - all faculty teaching 6 or more credits are required to participate in SLOAP (beginning Fall '21)
- **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)**
  - updated policies and procedures
  - moving to all-electronic processes/tracking
  - informing and promoting
  - newly re-designed and enhanced CPL web presence
    - **https://riverland.edu/cpl**
    - individual assessment method pages are currently being re-vamped
- **Measurement of student learning beyond the classroom**
  - Institutional Learning Outcomes
    - integrating ILOs in to course syllabi
    - integrating ILOs in to SLOAP plan
    - integrating ILOs in to SLOAP SharePoint site
  - Student Activities Survey
    - piloted; improvements being made for version 2.0!

Assessment Resources

SLOAP COLLECTION SITE click here

  - Entering assessment plans and results
  - Check out the Helpful Documents section
    - 'how-to' videos; explanations; documents

SLOAP WEB PAGES faculty resources, and more

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  - riverland.edu/cpl
  - revised CPL policy