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The assessment plan for this second year of the three-year cycle of assessment of Bridge General Education program included assessment of Goal 1 and Goal 3.

GOAL 1: Foundational Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World

GOAL 3: Personal and Social Responsibility

- a. **Ethical reasoning**
- b. **Global awareness and respect for diverse cultural perspectives**
- c. **Knowledge of the university's mission and Mercy charism**
- d. **Civic knowledge–local/global**

Expected Learning outcomes goal: 80% of Students will meet expectations

Tables 1-5 illustrate the summary and the raw assessment data

Full-time and adjunct faculty instructors taught the assessed courses. All the instructors were (1) informed of the need for assessment in the course, (2) provided the rubrics to be used, (3) the document form to used and the Blackboard Rubric file that may be inserted into the Gradebook and (4) reminded at the end of the course to submit the data. The assessment guideline to determine the expectations were modified slightly in the Spring semester to improve the data.

Conclusions:

(1) The expectations for learning outcomes were met for both goals 1 and 3.

The faculty reflection on their assessment included the hardship experienced by students in adopting to the online /virtual instruction.

(2) The student participation in the assessment was generally low. This being a very challenging year in higher education with majority of the courses changed to online/hybrid –virtual format for instruction, the effort to change assignments to suit the change was enormous. Similarly, the demand on student adjustment to the changed format was also enormous. The poor participation from instructors/courses may be due to this demand on instructor time demands. **The participation in Spring semester was much better than in the Fall semester.**

In the Spring semester, Dr. Cynthia Ninivaggi (Director of Women's Studies/WS311),worked with S. Janet Thiel (Assistant Vice President for University Assessment), developed meta way to integrate assessment into AEFIS. This did result in 95% instructor participation in assessment. Going forward, this method will be used to increase the participation in the assessment process.

Dr. Ninivaggi also questioned whether WS311 is an appropriate course to assess goal 3d. This discussion will continue next year.

Table 1 Assessment Summary

Goal 1 Foundational Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and			Goal 3a Personal and Social Responsibility : Ethical reasoning		
Raw Data Table#	2	Average Learning outcome 84% Comments: (1) The overall average outcomes meets the outcomes goals of 80% (2) Participation in the assessment was low	Raw Data Table#	3	Average Learning outcome 82% Comments: (1) The overall average outcomes meets the outcomes goals of 80% (2) Participation in the assessment was low
Participation Student participation in assessment (# students in data /total # of students enrolled)	28% (506/1840)			Student participation in assessment (# students in data /total # of students enrolled)	
Learning outcome goal: 80% of students will meet expectations [Demonstrate the ability to apply foundational knowledge in the arts, humanities, languages, mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences]			Learning outcome goal: 80% of students will meet expectations [Demonstrate ethical reasoning]		
Goal 3b Personal and Social Responsibility : Global awareness and respect for diverse cultural perspectives			Goal 3c Personal and Social Responsibility : Knowledge of the university's mission and Mercy charism		
Raw Data Table#	4	Average Learning outcome 96% Comments: (1) The overall average outcomes meets the outcomes goals of 80% (2) Participation in the assessment was low	Raw Data Table#	5	Average Learning outcome 87% Comments: (1) The overall average outcomes meets the outcomes goals of 80% (2) Participation in the assessment was moderate
Participation Student participation in assessment (# students in data /total # of students enrolled)	44% (197/440)			Student participation in assessment (# students in data /total # of students enrolled)	
Learning outcome goal: 80% of students will meet expectations [Demonstrate Global awareness and respect for diverse cultural perspectives]			Learning outcome goal: 80% of students will meet expectations [Demonstrate Knowledge of the university's mission and Mercy charism]		
Goal 3d Personal and Social Responsibility:Civic knowledge(Local and Global)					
Raw Data Table#	6	Average Learning outcome 87% Comments: (1) The overall average outcomes meets the outcomes goals of 80% (2) Participation in the assessment was low			
Participation Student participation in assessment (# students in data /total # of students enrolled)	29% (176/606)				
Learning outcome goal: 80% of students will meet expectations [Demonstrate Civic knowledge (Local and Global)]					