## 2017-2018 Assessment Cycle COLA\_Modern Languages BA

## **Mission (due 12/4/17)**

## **University Mission**

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette offers an exceptional education informed by diverse worldviews grounded in tradition, heritage, and culture. We develop leaders and innovators who advance knowledge, cultivate aesthetic sensibility, and improve the human condition.

## **University Values**

We strive to create a community of leaders and innovators in an environment that fosters a desire to advance and disseminate knowledge. We support the mission of the university by actualizing our core values of equity, integrity, intellectual curiosity, creativity, tradition, transparency, respect, collaboration, pluralism, and sustainability.

## **University Vision**

We strive to be included in the top 25% of our peer institutions by 2020, improving our national and international status and recognition.

### College / VP and Program / Department Mission

## Mission of College or VP-area

Provide the mission for the College or VP-area in the space provided. If none is available, write "None Available in 2017-2018."

The College of Liberal Arts is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge through teaching, research, and service. The College teaches students to think critically, applying scientific principles and intellectual schema to understand human behavior and society in a diverse world, to express ideas and ideals in a variety of forms, and to understand themselves and others as members of regional and global communities. The intellectual and creative foundations of this enterprise are written and oral communication, analytical and reasoning skills, and the ability to solve problems creatively. Each departmental curriculum presents perspectives from the past, provides an understanding of the present and directs attention to the challenges of the future. As active researchers, faculty in the College work to advance the frontiers of knowledge and our understanding of humanity and the world we live in, and to use that knowledge and understanding to improve the human condition.

#### Mission of Program / Department

Provide the program / department mission in the space provided. The mission statement should concisely define the purpose, functions, and key constituents. If none is available, write "None Available in 2017-2018." To communicate creative and intellectual understanding of diverse worldviews through languages and culture, fostering multicultural strength and insight.

## Attachment (optional)

Upload any documents which support the program / department assessment process.

## Assessment Plan (due 12/4/17)

Assessment Plan (Goals / Objectives, Assessment Measures and Criteria for Success)

## **Assessment List**

Goal/Objective	Upon completion of theB.A.Program in Modern Languages, 80% of students will demonstrate proficiency in the respective target tlanguages (French,German,orSpanish)attheIntermediateHighlevelorhigher,inthefourmajorskills (listening,speaking,reading,andwriting),as measuredusingtheProficiency Guidelines establishedby theAmericanCouncilontheTeachingofForeignLanguages (ACTFL(Imported)			
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Standards/Outcomes				
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	ACTFL- FLL.1	COMMUNICATION: COMMUNICATE IN LANGUAGES OTHER ENGLISH	THAN	
	ACTFL- FLL.1.1	Students engage in conversations, provide and obtain information feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions	n, express	
	ACTFL- FLL.1.2	Students understand and interpret written and spoken language of topics	on a variety of	
	ACTFL- FLL.1.3	Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience readers on a variety of topics.	e of listeners or	
Assessment Measures				
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Goal/Objective	Cultural Awareness Students will show awareness of cultural diversity and of international perspectives across the Francophone, Hispanophone, or Germanophone world.(Imported)		
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	ACTFL- FLL.2	CULTURES: GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF CULTURES	OTHER
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Goal/Objective	Ability to Analyze Students will demonstrate the ability to understand and to analyze significant works of literary or cultural importance.(Imported)		
Legends	PO - Program O units);	bjective (academic units); SLO - Student Learning Outcome/Obje	ctive (academic
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	ACTFL- FLL.4	COMPARISONS: DEVELOP INSIGHT INTO THE NATURE OF I AND CULTURE	ANGUAGE
	ACTFL- FLL.4.1	Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language the comparisons of the language studied and their own	nrough
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Goal/Objective	Awareness of Career Opportunities Students will demonstrate awareness of career opportunities in sectors in which knowledge of and ability in French, German, or Spanish can be beneficial.(Imported)			
Legends	PO - Program (	PO - Program Objective (academic units);		
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	ACTFL- FLL.5	COMMUNITIES: PARTICIPATE IN MULTILINGUAL COMMUNITIES AT HOME & AROUND THE WORLD		
	ACTFL-	Students use the language both within and beyond the school setting		

	FLL.5.1 ACTFL- FLL.5.2	Students show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the lang for personal enjoyment and enrichment.		
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## **Program / Department Assessment Narrative**

The primary purpose of assessment is to use data to inform decisions and improve programs (student learning) and departments (operations); this is an on-going process of defining goals and expectations, collecting results, analyzing data, comparing current and past results and initiatives, and making decisions based on these reflections. In the space below, describe the program's or department's overall plan for improving student learning and/or operations (the "assessment plan"). Consider the following:

- 1) What strategies exist to assess the outcomes?
- 2) What does the program/department expect to achieve with the goals and objectives identified above?
- 3) How might prior or current initiatives (improvements) influence the anticipated outcomes this year?
- 4) What is the plan for using data to improve student learning and/or operations?
- 5) How will data be shared within the Program/Department (and, where appropriate, the College/VP-area)?

#### **Assessment Process**

- 1. Strategies to assess the outcomes consist of an exit interview, generally held in the last two weeks of the semester, with the graduating seniors, conducted in the language of their major to assess their oral proficiency. Students are also asked in English to provide feedback on the MODL(perceived strengths and weaknesses of the program, recommendations for possible improvements). Students are also asked about their career plans (as related to their experiences in the program). Students are also asked to provide three papers written in the language of their program, written for classes in the major, which the students feel best represents their awareness of international perspectives and the cultural diversity of the Francophone or Hispanic world, and knowledge of cultural, literary and/or historical subject matters. These papers are used to assess students awareness of these topics as well as their written proficiency in the language.
- 2. The department expects to determine whether students are reaching (or exceeding) the desired minimum proficiency level in speaking and writing in the language of their program, as well as the students' awareness of international perspecitives and cultural diversity, and knowledge of cultural, literary and/or historical subject matters in the Francophone

or Hispanic world.

- 3. More students reaching the minimum desired level of proficiency and/or more students reaching higher degrees of proficiency; students having more extensive awareness of international perspecitives and cultural diversity, and/or more extensive knowledge of cultural, literary and/or historical subject matters in the Francophone or Hispanic world.
- 4. Data will be analyzed to determine to what extent the desired outcomes are being met and identify any areas where there is a need to formulate strategies for improvement.
- 5. A report summarizing the data will be emailed to the faculty members in the department.

## Results & Improvements (due 9/15/18)

**Results and Improvement Narratives** 

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# Assessment Findings

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		-High.	
Direct -	Has the criterion Exit Portfolios		Assassment
Portfolio		In this cycle, 8 out of the	- Assessment Process:
FOILIOIIO	During their final semester		Continuous
	before graduation, students	9 graduating seniors	
	submit a portfolio of 3 sample	(89%; 6 in	monitoring: Students'
	written essays. Portfolios are evaluated for written language	French, 3 in	achievement
	proficiency by a minimum of		of written
	two raters per student, using	Spanish) were rated	
		at the	language
	the 2012 ACTFL proficiency guidelines. Essays are also	Intermediate	proficiency will continue
	used to assess how well	-High level	to be
	students demonstrate	or above	monitored
	awareness of cultural diversity	with regard	through the
	and international perspectives	to written	exit interview
	as well as their degree of	proficiency.	process.
	mastery of analytical tools to	Within this	process.
	discuss cultural, literary, or	group of 8	
	historical subject matters.	students, 1	
	Interviews are scheduled with	native	
	and portfolios are collected	speaker of	
	from all graduating students,	Spanish	
	during approximately the final	(11%) was	
	two weeks of the semester in	rated at the	
	which they graduate.	Superior	
	Information about the exit	level in	
	interview process is included in	Spanish, 4	
	syllabi for all advancedlevel	students	
	courses so that students	(45%; 3	
	understand the process and	French, 1	
	anticipate this final assessment	Spanish)	
	in advance of the completion of	were rated	
	their degree requirements.	at the	
	been met yet?	Advanced-	
	Met	Low level,	
		and 3 (33 <sup>°</sup> %;	
		2 French, 1	
		Spanish)	
		were rated	
		at the	
		Intermediate	
		-High level.	
		1 student of	
		French	
		(11%) was	
		rated at	
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	subgoal
	added last
	cycle, of
	50% of the
	students
	being rated
	at the
	Adavnced
	level or
	above, was
	also met,
	with 55% of
	the students
	(3 French, 2
	Spanish)
	rated as
	Adanced or
	Superior.
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Assessment List Findings for the Assessment Measure level for Cultural Awareness Students will show awareness of cultural diversity and of international perspectives across the Francophone, Hispanophone, or Germanophone world.(Imported)

Goal/Objective	Students will sho	nts will show awareness of cultural diversity and of international perspectives across		
Legends	PO - Program Ob units);	ective (academic units); SLO - Student Learning Outcome/Objective (academic		
Standards/Outcomes				
Students will show awareness of cultural diversity and of international perspectives across the Francophone, Hispanophone, or Germanophone world.(Imported)  Legends  PO - Program Objective (academic units); SLO - Student Learning Outcome/Objective (academic units);  Standards/Outcomes  Identifier  Description  ACTFL-  FLL.2  CULTURES: GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER FLL.2.1  Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the practices and perspectives of the culture studied  ACTFL-  FLL.2.1  Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between the products and perspectives of the culture studied  ASSESSMENT Measure  Criterion  Criterion				
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Identifier   Description				
Legends				
Measures  Assessment Criterion Measure				
		language proficiency by a minimum of two raters per student, using the 2012		

students demonstrate awareness of cultural diversity and international perspectives as well as their degree of mastery of analytical tools to discuss cultural, literary, or historical subject matters. Interviews are scheduled with and portfolios are collected from all graduating students, during approximately the final two weeks of the semester in which they graduate. Information about the exit interview process is included in syllabi for all advancedlevel courses so that students understand the process and anticipate this final assessment in advance of the completion of their degree requirements.

## Assessment Findings

Assessment Measure	Criterion	Summary	Attachments of the Assessments	Improvement Narratives
Direct - Portfolio	Has the criterion Exit Portfolios During their final semester before graduation, students submit a portfolio of 3 sample written essays. Portfolios are evaluated for written language proficiency by a minimum of two raters per student, using the 2012 ACTFL proficiency guidelines. Essays are also used to assess how well students demonstrate awareness of cultural diversity and international perspectives as well as their degree of mastery of analytical tools to discuss cultural, literary, or historical subject matters. Interviews are scheduled with and portfolios are collected from all graduating students, during approximately the final two weeks of the semester in	Of the 9 graduating students, 100% were rated as having good or excellent awareness of culture diversity and international perspectives across the Francophone or Hispanophone world. Of the 9, 7 (78%) were rated as having excellent awareness, and 2 (22%) were rated as having good awareness.		- Assessment Process: Continuous monitoring: The development of students' awareness of cultural diversity and of international perspectives across the Francophone, Hispanophone or Germanophone world will continue to be monitored through the exit interview process.

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in syllabi for all	
advancedlevel	
courses so that	
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process and	
anticipate this final	
assessment in	
advance of the	
completion of their	
degree	
requirements.	
been met yet?	
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# Assessment List Findings for the Assessment Measure level for Ability to Analyze Students will demonstrate the ability to understand and to analyze significant works of literary or cultural importance.(Imported)

Goal/Objective		e monstrate the ability to understand and to analyze significant works of al importance.(Imported)			
Legends	PO - Program O units);	jective (academic units); SLO - Student Learning Outcome/Objective (academic			
Standards/Outcomes					
	Identifier	Description  COMPARISONS: DEVELOP INSIGHT INTO THE NATURE OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE  Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through			
	ACTFL- FLL.4				
	ACTFL- FLL.4.1	Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of the language studied and their own			
	ACTFL- FLL.4.2	Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the cultures studied and their own.			
Assessment					
Measures					
	Assessment Measure	Criterion			
	Direct - Portfolio	Exit Portfolios During their final semester before graduation, students submit a portfolio of 3 sample written essays. Portfolios are evaluated for written language proficiency by a minimum of two raters per student, using the 2012 ACTFL proficiency guidelines. Essays are also used to assess how well students demonstrate awareness of cultural diversity and international perspectives as well as their degree of mastery of analytical tools to discuss cultural, literary, or historical subject matters. Interviews are scheduled with and portfolios are collected from all graduating students, during approximately			

the final two weeks of the semester in which they graduate. Information about the exit interview process is included in syllabi for all advancedlevel courses so that students understand the process and anticipate this final assessment in advance of the completion of their degree requirements.

## Assessment Findings

Assessment Measure	Criterion	Summary	Attachments of the Assessments	Improvement Narratives
Direct - Portfolio	Has the criterion Exit Portfolios During their final semester before graduation, students submit a portfolio of 3 sample written essays. Portfolios are evaluated for written language proficiency by a minimum of two raters per student, using the 2012 ACTFL proficiency guidelines. Essays are also used to assess how well students demonstrate awareness of cultural diversity and international perspectives as well as their degree of mastery of analytical tools to discuss cultural, literary, or historical subject matters. Interviews are scheduled with and portfolios are collected from all graduating students, during approximately the final two weeks of the semester in which they graduate. Information about the exit interview process is included in syllabi for all advancedlevel courses so that students understand	Of the 9 graduating students, 8 (88%) were rated as having a good or excellent ability to understand and analyze significant works of literary or cultural importance (one student 11% rated as good, two (22%) as good-to-excellent and 5 (56%) as excellent). One student out of the nine (11%) was rated as having an average-to-good ability to do so.		- Assessment Process: Continuous monitoring: The development of students' ability to understand and to analyze significan works of literary or cultural importance world will continue to be monitored through the exit interview process.

the process and anticipate this final assessment in advance of the completion of their degree requirements. been met yet? Met

Assessment List Findings for the Assessment Measure level for Awareness of Career Opportunities Students will demonstrate awareness of career opportunities in sectors in which knowledge of and ability in French, German, or Spanish can be beneficial.(Imported)

Goal/Objective	Awareness of Career Opportunities Students will demonstrate awareness of career opportunities in sectors in which knowledge of and ability in French, German, or Spanish can be beneficial.(Imported)				
Legends	PO - Program C	bjective (academic unit	ts);		
Standards/Outcomes					
	Identifier	Description			
	ACTFL- FLL.5	COMMUNITIES: PAR HOME & AROUND TI	TICIPATE IN MULTIL HE WORLD	INGUAL COMMU	NITIES AT
	ACTFL- FLL.5.1	Students use the lang	uage both within and t	peyond the school	setting
	ACTFL- FLL.5.2	Students show evider for personal enjoymer	nce of becoming life-loon nt and enrichment.	ng learners by usi	ng the language
Assessment Measures					
	Assessment Measure	Criterion			
	Indirect - Exit Interviews	graduating seniors, senglish on MODL proplans (as related to strengths and weaking possible improvementwo weeks of the set the exit interview proso that students under	te final portion of the extudents provide additional cograms. Students are their experiences in the nesses of the program nts. Interviews take playmester in which studer ocess is included in sylderstand the process and mpletion of their degree.	onal information a asked to describe e program), to ass , and to make reca ace during approx ats graduate, and labi for all advance and anticipate this	and feedback in their career sess the perceived commendations for imately the final information about redlevel courses
Assessment Findings					
	Assessment Measure	Criterion	Summary	Attachments of the	Improvement Narratives

ndirect - Exit

## Reflection (Due 9/15/18)

#### Reflection

The primary purpose of assessment is to use data to inform decisions and improve programs and operations; this is an on-going process of defining goals and expectations, collecting results, analyzing data, comparing current and past results and initiatives, and making decisions based on these reflections. Recalling this purpose, respond to the questions below.

## 1) How were assessment results shared in the program / department?

Please select all that apply. If "other", please use the text box to elaborate. Distributed via email (selected)
Presented formally at staff / department / committee meetings
Discussed informally
Other (explain in text box below)

## 2) How frequently were assessment results shared?

Frequently (>4 times per cycle)
Periodically (2-4 times per cycle)
Once per cycle (selected)
Results were not shared this cycle

### 3) With whom were assessment results shared?

Please select all that apply.

Department Head (selected)

Dean / Asst. or Assoc. Dean

Departmental assessment committee (selected)

Other faculty / staff (selected)

4) Consider the impact of prior applied changes. Specifically, compare current results to previous results to evaluate the impact of a previously reported change. Demonstrate how the use of results improved student learning and/or operations.

Past changes aimed at improving student outcomes have included efforts to improve students' proficiency in their second language, fostering a sense of community among students, and raising students' awareness of the career opportunities in which knowledge of French or Spanish can be advantageous.

To aid in improving students' language proficiency, faculty in upper level courses were encouraged to provide additional engagement with students about writing strategies and common types of errors. This change has resulted in improvements in student outcomes. In the 2015-16 cycle, only 73% of the graduating seniors' written portfolio submissions were rated as indicative of a proficiency level of Intermediate-High or greater, missing our departmental goal of 80%. As a result, the additional engagement mentioned above was requested. In the following 2016-17 cycle, 100% of eleven graduating seniors were rated at the Intermediate-High level or above, with 82% achieving Advanced level or above. Likewise, in this cycle, 89% of nine graduating seniors were rated at Advanced or above in their writing proficiency.

To encourage the development of a greater sense of community among the students, faculty have been encouraged to mentor activities and organizations outside of the classroom. Beyond providing support to current students and enriching the learning atmosphere, such events can foster interest and knowledge of the Modern Languages Department and its offerings. Increased community outreach can also help students to connect with the community and the community to

connect with the university. Such events can also offer opportunities for use students to use their second language outside of the classroom. Students report in their exit interviews that the sense of community that these activities can create is a strength of the program.

Raising students' awareness of career opportunities for people who can speak and write in French or Spanish has also had results. Before implementing this outcome in the 2014-15 cycle, a number of graduating seniors would often not have a ready answer during the exit interview for how their knowledge of Spanish or French might be beneficial in their future career, or even which career paths (beyond education) might particularly lend themselves to job seekers with a second language. After implementing this outcome, students now have an answer, even if they are not going into a field where a second language is a requirement.

5) Over the past three assessment cycles, what has been the overall impact of "closing the loop"? Provide examples of improvements in student learning, program quality, or department operations that are directly linked to assessment data and follow-up analysis.

As indicated in the answer to question 4 above, the changes implemented after the 2015-16 cycle appear to have resulted in improvements in student learning with regard to their language proficiency. In 2015-16, only 68% of 22 graduating seniors were rated at a level of Intermediate-High or above in their speaking proficiency, and 78% were rated at Intermediate-High in their writing proficiency. Both of these failed to meet the departmental goal of 80% of the students reaching Intermediate-High or better. After implementing the changes described in the answer to question 4 above, the outcomes improved: in 2016-17, 82% of 11 graduating seniors achieved an oral proficiency rating of Intermediate-High or above, and 100% a written proficiency rating of Intermediate High or above. In the 2017-18 cycle, 89% of 9 students were rated at Intermediate-High or above in both oral and writing proficiency.

## **Attachments (optional)**

Upload any documents which support the program / department assessment process.