Exemplar Course by Element

PLU General Education 2016-17 Academic Year

General Education Element HUMANTIES	Department/Course	General Education Outcomes Focused Outcomes for Assessment	ILO alignment	Assignments as Evidence of Student Learning	Next Steps
LT	ENGL 217: Special Topics in Literature	 Students will practice close reading by recognizing important passages, understanding variation in form and genre, raising insightful questions, identifying and appreciating complexity and ambiguity, and comprehending the literal and figurative uses of language. Students will develop written, oral, and collaborative skills through intensive writing and revision. 	Critical Thinking Expression	Essays Writing Workshops Course Discussion Essays Discussion Group and individual Projects and presentations	Continue to develop low-stakes assessments as learning scaffolds Consider limiting the range of paper topic options to provide a better balance between good writing and careful analysis Consider asking students to experiment with literary forms they are expected to close read.

LT	Languages & Literatures No example submitted				
РН	PHIL 125: Ethics and the Good Life	1. Values and beliefs: Tolerance and autonomy—students will respect the considered moral opinion of others and show independence in decision making and in shaping their own values.	Valuing Multiple Frameworks	Fall 2017 review of a signature assignment	Response to course evaluations: Framing questions for whole class discussion that would provide informal, low-stakes evidence for the stated outcome.
REL (check full report)					
NATURAL SC	CIENCES				
NS	BIO 225, 226	 Communicate clearly and effectively in both oral and written forms. Adapt messages to various audiences using appropriate media, conventions or styles 	Expression	Writing samples from Biology "core" classes (225, 226, 330, 499) Assess ability to use evidence, consider alternative hypotheses, and communicate	Current focus on rubric development, with individual faculty working the "bugs" out. Next step is to implement with student samples across courses.

	omputer Science	N/A N/A		findings of their work in written form via a rubric.	
15:	HYS 110, 125/126, 3/154	 Explain the principles of designing experiments or observational strategies and, when feasible, carry out such experiments or observations. Recognize and describe how analyses are done in order to show that experimental data or observations support hypotheses, or alternatively, lead to revisions. Demonstrate technical, safety, and communication skills at a level of sophistication appropriate for the course. 	Knowledge Base	Student work submitted through online homework system Student answers to pre-lab and post-lab questions	85-100% in all learning outcomes Lab reports reviewed by lab instructors Review of results provide opportunities to adjust curriculum, moving challenging questions to post lab, or into a different learning context
MATHEMATICS					

MS SOCIAL SCIE	MATH 151	 Communication: ability to read, write, and speak about mathematics Application: ability to translate real world problems into mathematical problems and vice versa) Critical Thinking and Logic 	Expression	Gateway quiz into MATH 152	Survey of faculty on expected outcomes based on knowledge of student development Quiz results and faculty perception were close for application and critical thinking. Communication became the area to study for the next academic year.
SO	ANTH 190/192/491	 Ask "big enough" questions Think critically Discern and formulate values Express themselves effectively and creatively Interact with others respectfully Understand the world from various perspectives Understand the 	Critical Reflection Valuing Expression Interaction with others Multiple Perspectives Knowledge Base	Journal End of semester reflection paper Midterm exam	Transition year for the course in 2018 to a new faculty member, More to bring the faculty member into understanding the course

	concepts, theories, and methods of			
	anthropology			
ECON 101, 111	 Understand economic concepts including opportunity cost, scarcity, constraints, markets, comparative advantage Understand basic economic institutions of a modern society Have basic awareness of economic measures Have the ability to manipulate and interpret graphical models Have the ability to interpret changes in economics measures Have the ability to apply appropriate economic models to specific scenarios Have the ability to predict responses to changes in economic circumstances. 	Knowledge Base Critical and Reflective Thinking	Homework Quizzes Tests	Faculty felt the majority of students met the learning objectives
HIST	Historical methodology centers	Expression	Questions on	Spring 2017 results:
(multiple courses)	on the examination and analysis	L	Course	1.92% agree/strongly
	of primary sources, as	Critical	Evaluation:	agree

POLS	developed over multiple writing assignments.	Reflection	1. This course challenged me to improve my writing 2. This course focused on the importance to understand the distinction between primary and secondary sources in the field of history 3. This course made an important contribution to my growth as a critical thinker.	 2.90% agree/strongly agree 3.92% agree/strongly agree Continue to gather data to verify findings, compare to individual course assignment completion.
PSYC				
SOCI 101/190	 Understand sociological perspective Know and use sociological concepts Know three major sociological perspectives (functionalism, conflict, 	Knowledge Base	Tests Quizzes In-class participation	Course evaluation responses to ILO #1 Critical and Reflective Thinking Average response 4.24="agree" that SOCI 101 supported

		 symbolic interaction) 4. Know research methods basics 5. See sociology in practice (journal articles, newspaper articles, research projects) 6. Begin learning to write sociologically 7. Participate in oral discussions and/or presentations 8. Be able to think critically 9. Develop an appreciation for the impact of race, class and gender and other hierarchies upon social life 10. Become acquainted with the ASA style conventions for writing and research Critical Reflection Critical Reflection Valuing Valuing Multiple Frameworks 	their development toward mastery of critical and reflective thinking. Identified these themes of support: Applied/experimental learning opportunities Writing assignments Faculty will work to further develop this type of assignment to support critical thinking.
ARTS	ART 180	1. Provide students with a foundation for relating to visual analysis, historical and contemporary cultural inquiry, and exploration of the creative process.Knowledge Base Expression1. Provide students with a foundation for relating to visual analysis, ExpressionBase1. Critical and of the creative process.Critical and Reflective	Course Evaluation ILO #1 Critical and Reflective Thinking Faculty analysis demonstrated the need to communicate

СОМА 120	-a general knowledge of the major monuments, artists, and movements of the European and North American tradition, from the ancient world to the present -an awareness of the development of art in cultures outside of Europe and North America -familiarity with world history, and encourage proficiency in theory, analysis, and critical methods -prepare students for a better understanding of the arts, creative communities, and the role they can play om cultural enterprises	Thinking Valuing Multiple Frameworks	General Education outcomes and designation on the syllabus, as well as clear delineation in class.
MUSI 120			