

Bergen Community College

Assessment Report

Assessment Report For: Anthropology (ANT101)

Assessment Cycle: 2008-2010

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Program(s), if applicable (AAS, Interdepartmental, etc.):

Mission/Goal statement of the department or program:

All students taking General Education Social Science electives will:

- a. demonstrate a basic understanding of theories and concepts relevant to the discipline,
- b. be able to use those concepts and theories in a manner that demonstrates critical thinking and
- c. be able to clearly communicate their knowledge of the concepts and theories in a written format.

SEMESTER 1: Create the Assessment Plan

Learning objective being assessed:

1. All students must demonstrate their ability to identify the concept of culture with its characteristics, and present a brief ethnographic summary of a selected culture. This objective should be measured through successful grades on exams, papers and/or quizzes.

Core Competencies: (check as many as apply)

☒ Communication

☒ Critical Thinking

☒ Applied knowledge

☐ Creativity and Aesthetic Appreciation

Means of Assessment:

Students will demonstrate their knowledge of the concept of culture by fully explaining it and its components in an essay that is part of the students' exam.

Second, students will apply their knowledge of the concept of culture by presenting a brief ethnographic summary of a specific culture.

Third, a rubric will be created to assess students' knowledge of the concept of culture and its features, and the application of such knowledge in analyzing a specific culture. Further, students will be assessed on their ability to communicate their knowledge of anthropology effectively in a written format.

SEMESTER 2: Develop an Assessment Strategy

Criterion for success:

A random sample of the assessments will be selected for review. The criterion for success will be achieved if a 70% or higher on the assessment is demonstrated.

Dean's Comments:

VPAA's Comments:

SEMESTER 3: Implement Assessment Plan & Strategy

Summary and analysis of data collected:

70% of the students in the sample will achieve a score of 70% or higher on the written reports.

70% of the students in the sample will achieve a score of 70% or higher on the written ethnographic summary.

In all ANT 101 courses, 100% of the students who were sampled achieved the score of 70% or better when the designated rubric was applied.

(The Summary should appear here. Use attachments only to provide information to support the summary.)

SEMESTER 4: Reporting and Revising

Use of results:

The results of assessment will be used for the following: strengthen analytical reasoning and communication skills of students; to improve anthropological research methods utilized by students, including increased opportunities for students to engage successfully in other Social Science courses; to increase the use of rubrics throughout anthropology courses to identify the strengths and weaknesses of students.

Dean's Comments:

VPAA's Comments: