



Core Curriculum

SFA Vital Statistics

12,999 students (Fall 2012)
11,298 undergraduates (Fall 2012)
556 FTE instructional faculty
6 colleges
89 core courses

Current Core

Students select from 89 core courses.
Colleges and majors often determine which courses are taken.

Assessment of the Core

The appropriate EEOs are assessed in classes with embedded assignments or tests. The ETS Proficiency Profile is administered to freshmen and seniors as a university level measure of core objectives.

Procedures

Assessment plans and results are maintained in the Assessment Management System. Results are posted each long semester. Plans and results are reviewed by the Core Curriculum Assessment Committee each semester.

2014 Core

Proposal Process

Proposals for new and revised core courses are due to the Core Curriculum Advisory Committee by February 15, 2012. Plans for embedded assessment are due to the Core Curriculum Assessment Committee on a yet unspecified date. Courses will require the approval of both committees to be offered for core credit.

Assessment of the Core

The assessment plan for the new core was developed by the Core Curriculum Assessment Committee. The plan is still in draft form, and is out for faculty comment. The plan calls for the following assessment methods.

Direct Measures

Embedded Student Work

Student work will be collected from core courses and senior level courses in D2L or another electronic system, and a sample of

this work will be assessed by interdisciplinary faculty teams at the university level. Rubrics will be developed by interdisciplinary faculty teams for each core objective. The AAC&U VALUE Rubrics have been identified as models for the core objective rubrics.

Standardized Tests

The ETS Proficiency Profile will continue to be administered to freshmen and seniors. Consideration will also be given to other standardized tests like the Global Perspectives Inventory.

Indirect Measures

Surveys

Items dealing with the core will be added to the SFA Senior Exit Survey. Relevant items from the National Survey of Student Engagement will also be used.