

Assessment Plan

Western Michigan University

Medieval Institute

Outcome: Contextualizing sources

Increased proficiency in contextualizing sources

Start Date: 01/09/2006

Outcome Status: Active

Assessment Evaluation: Preliminary evaluation of 2005-2006 data by Director and Assessment Committee in Fall 2006. Secondary evaluation in Fall 2007. Review of program content and instructional method in MI Board workshop, Fall 2007.

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
The instructors of designated 6000 level courses will measure students' ability to deploy theoretical or methodological arguments about sources through a research paper.	It is considered a minimum standard that the majority of a cohort will achieve a rating of 3 (Satisfactory) within three years of entering the program, with an expected average of 3.5 (between Satisfactory and Good).	Assessment occurs yearly, whichever term the designated course is taught.	Yes
The instructor of Religion 5000 will measure students' ability to contextualize primary sources through the evaluation of a research paper or other exercise.	It is considered a minimum standard that the majority of a cohort will achieve a rating of 3 (Satisfactory) within three years of entering the program, with an expected average of 3.5 (between Satisfactory and Good).	Assessment occurs yearly, whichever term the course is offered.	Yes

Related Courses

* MDVL 6000 - Advanced Seminar

* REL 5000 - Historical Studies in Religion

Outcome: Interdisciplinarity

Increased understanding of the interdisciplinarity of the Medieval Studies program

Start Date: 09/05/2006

Outcome Status: Active

Assessment Evaluation: Preliminary evaluation of 2005-2006 data by Director and Assessment Committee in Fall 2007. Review of program content and instructional method in MI Board workshop, Fall 2007.

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
The Graduate Admissions Committee will measure students' initial understanding through the application essays.	It is considered a minimum standard that the majority of a cohort will achieve a rating of 3 (Satisfactory) within three years of entering the program, with an expected average of 3.5 (between Satisfactory and Good).	At conclusion of Admissions process in Spring term.	Yes
The Assessment Committee will measure the students' final understanding by means of an exit essay, presented in a format similar to the application essay.	It is considered a minimum standard that the majority of a cohort will achieve a rating of 3 (Satisfactory) within three years of entering the program, with an	Exit essay administered by Director at conclusion of students' program of study with graduation audit.	Yes

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
	expected average of 3.5 (between Satisfactory and Good).		
Research Paper Assessment Method Category: Course-Embedded Measure	To have a majority of students perform at the level of satisfactory or higher	Assessment made very Spring semester for Medieval MA students in REL 5000 Medieval Christianity (Historical Topics)	Yes

Outcome: Professional Development

Increased professional development

Start Date: 09/05/2006

Outcome Status: Active

Assessment Evaluation: Preliminary evaluation of data by Director and Assessment Committee in Fall 2007. Review of program content and instructional method in MI Board workshop, Fall 2007.

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
The Medieval Institute Director will measure students' professional development through any, but not necessarily all, of the following activities: 1) submitting an article for publication 2) presenting a scholarly paper 3) MDVL 7120 (Professional Field Experience) 4) An internship 5) Coursework in Instructional Technology 6) Participation in organizing a professional exhibition or conference 7) Creating a professional curriculum vitae	It is considered a minimum standard that the majority of a cohort will achieve a rating of 3 (Satisfactory) within three years of entering the program, with an expected average of 3.5 (between Satisfactory and Good).	Assessment occurs at the conclusion of the students' program.	Yes

Related Courses

* MDVL 7120 - Prof Field Exper

Outcome: Reading primary sources in original languages

Increased proficiency in reading primary sources in original languages

Start Date: 09/06/2005

Outcome Status: Active

Assessment Evaluation: Preliminary evaluation of 2005-2006 data by Director and Assessment Committee in Fall 2006. Secondary evaluation in Fall 2007. Review of program content and instructional method in MI Board workshop, Fall 2007.

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Ability at entry to program to be measured by Latin placement test administered by Classics Section of the Department of Foreign Languages.	There is no expected minimum rating for entering students. 9 point scale for Latin assessment in Classics is used.	Evaluation begins with Fall 2005 class and continues every Fall for each entering class.	Yes
The Instructor of Latin 5600 will measure students Latin Proficiency though a translation passage of at least 150 words to be administered during the Latin 5600 final exam. Director and Assessment committee will then compare scores.	It is considered a minimum standard that the majority of a cohort will achieve a rating of 5 on the 9-point scale (see Document Link), with an expected average of 6 by completion of the program.	Reported to the Assessment Committee at the end of every Spring term by Instructor of Latin 5600.	Yes

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active

Related Courses

* LAT 5600 - Medieval Latin

Outcome: Reading texts closely and critically

Increased proficiency in reading texts closely and critically

Start Date: 01/09/2006

Outcome Status: Active

Assessment Evaluation: Preliminary evaluation of 2005-2006 data by Director and Assessment Committee in Fall 2006. Secondary evaluation in Fall 2007. Review of program content and instructional method in MI Board workshop, Fall 2007.

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
The instructor of English 5300 will measure students' ability to read a literary text through a final paper, exam, or other exercise	It is considered a minimum standard that the majority of a cohort will achieve a rating of 3 (Satisfactory) within three years of entering the program, with an expected average of 3.5 (between Satisfactory and Good).	Assessment occurs yearly, in whichever term the course is offered.	Yes
The instructor of History 6350 will measure students' ability to read a documentary/historical text through a final paper or exam.	It is considered a minimum standard that the majority of a cohort will achieve a rating of 3 (Satisfactory) within three years of entering the program, with an expected average of 3.5 (between Satisfactory and Good).	Assessment occurs yearly, whichever term the course is offered.	Yes

Related Courses

* ENGL 5300 - Medieval Literature

* REL 5000 - Historical Studies in Religion

Outcome: Reference works

Increased proficiency in using reference works

Start Date: 12/01/2005

Outcome Status: Active

Assessment Evaluation: Preliminary evaluation of 2005-2006 data by Director and Assessment Committee in Fall 2006. Secondary evaluation in Fall 2007. Review of program content and instructional method in MI Board workshop, Fall 2007.

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
The instructor of History 6350 will measure students' proficiency in research methods through the evaluation of a bibliography prepared as part of a draft prospectus.	It is considered a minimum standard that the majority of a cohort will achieve a rating of 3 (Satisfactory) within three years of entering the program, with an expected average of 3.5 (between Satisfactory and Good).	Assessment occurs yearly, whichever term the course is offered.	Yes

Outcome: Teaching

Increased ability to teach proficiently

Start Date: 09/05/2006

Outcome Status: Active

Assessment Evaluation: Preliminary evaluation of 2005-2006 data by Director and Assessment Committee in Fall 2007. Review of program content and instructional method in MI Board workshop, Fall 2007.

Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Through teaching observation, the course director of MDVL 1450 will measure students' ability to teach.	It is considered a minimum standard that the majority of a cohort will achieve a rating of 3 (Satisfactory) within three years of entering the program, with an expected average of 3.5 (between Satisfactory and Good).	Course Director of MDVL 1450 will report at conclusion of 1st term of student teaching.	Yes

Related Courses

* MDVL 1450 - Heroes and Villains