MISSION

To facilitate students’ acquisition of a more thorough comprehension of the bases of human thought, action, and behavior by ensuring that students who successfully complete each Social science course gain an understanding of important concepts in each Social Science discipline.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Outcome/Objective 1:
Demonstrate comprehension of U.S. geography

Full Description:
Students will demonstrate comprehension of the historical geography of the U.S. and the historical significance of various geographical locations shown on maps of the U.S., the Western Hemisphere, and Europe.

A Student Learning Outcome? Yes

Associated General Education Outcomes:
• 32: SOCI: Understand the role of US in the world
• 48: Intellectual Competency: Critical Thinking
• 57: Perspective: Integrate knowledge of disciplines

Strategic Plan Initiatives:
• A-3: Provide instructional and student support resources and services that enhance educational success.

Institutional Priorities:
• MS-1: Provide accredited courses leading to certificates, associate degrees, and/or transferable credit

Related Measures:
• M. 1: Map exam

Related Actions:
• A. 1: Map exam administration
OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES

Outcome/Objective 8: sample one to delete

A Student Learning Outcome? No

MEASURES

Measure 1:
Map exam

Measure Full Description:
End-of-semester exams on the historical significance of various geographical locations on the maps of the U.S., the Western Hemisphere, and Europe

Related Outcome(s)/Objective(s):
• Obj. 1: Demonstrate comprehension of U.S. geography

Target Level:
At least 75% of all students will pass with a score of 70 or higher on the end-of-semester departmental map exam.

Findings:
Fall 2004: 245 of the 433 students (57%) completing the 1301 map exam scored 70 or higher. Spring 2005: 243 of the 371 students (65%) scored 70 or higher. Student performance improved from fall 2004 to spring 2005, but still fell short of the program`s expected results.

Target Level Achievement: Not Met

Further Action Planned? Yes

ACTIONS

Action 1:
Map exam administration

Full Description
All faculty will develop and update at two-to-three year intervals a HIST 1301 map examination to be administered during the last week of each semester.

Related Objectives:
• **Obj. 1:** Demonstrate comprehension of U.S. geography

**Related Measures:**
- **M. 1:** Map exam

**Person/group responsible for the action**
- History faculty

**Target date to implement the action**
- June 15, 2005

**Priority**
- Med

**ANALYSIS**

**Attention Needed**
Clearly, student performance on the HIST 1301 map exam fell short of the expected results. These results will be shared with history faculty at the program’s fall meeting. History faculty will also review/revise the HIST 1301 list of historically significant locations and the three versions of the HIST 1301 map exam, during the 2005-06 academic year.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**Executive Summary**
Student performance on the map exam as a whole and on individual items making up the exam is studied by members of the History faculty each semester. These performances are used by faculty members in program meetings to determine where student comprehension is weakest and to develop methods for improving both student comprehension in these areas and overall student performance on the departmental map exam.

**Contributions to the Institution**
HIST 1301 and HIST 1302 (can be substituted for HIST 2301) are Core Curriculum Requirements for AA, AAT, and AS Degrees.

**Highlights**
Target performance level has not yet been met.

**Teaching Activities**
Instructors will include map exam items in their regular exams so that students have semester-long exposure to map exam items. Instructors will incorporate emphasis on historically significant locations into their teaching methodologies.
Research and Scholarly Activities
Following each semester, a member of the History Faculty, appointed by the department Chair, will collect map examination results from each instructor, aggregate these results, and analyze the data. This analysis will be provided to each faculty member during the departmental meeting prior to the start of the subsequent long semester.

Public/Community Service
Not applicable

International Activities
Not applicable

Challenges
Revision of the map exam as it is updated every two to three years.