

Graduate Program Assessment Alignment Project

Overview

It has now been three years since UCR Graduate Programs began assessing student outcomes using the process currently in place ([Program-Level Assessment](#)). As a whole, graduate programs have made great strides in the assessment of their student outcomes, which began in 2019 with the creation/revision of student outcomes and maps, and progressed to full implementation of the Annual Assessment Reporting process in 2021. Because of this positive movement, we will be moving into the next phase of graduate level assessment.

With the support of Grad Council and graduate division, the goal is to merge annual student outcome assessment with annual student reviews. The benefit to this process is:

- Decreased workload during the collection of assessment data
- Creating efficiencies by merging two separate processes
- Integration of assessment into regular graduate program work
- Allowing for long-term tracking of keys to student success

Next Steps

In order to complete the integration of annual student reviews with annual student outcomes, we need to first identify both the program outcomes and the current process programs use to conduct annual student reviews. The following timeline will help us complete the integration process by Spring 2023.

1. Submission of Annual Student Review process and Student Outcomes information

- This first step requires programs to submit information on what they already do as part of the Annual Student Review Process. This information, along with the Student Outcomes, will be used to create a draft tool for programs.
 - i. Due November 7, 2022
 - ii. Submit through the [Grad Assessment Alignment Survey](#)

2. Creation of Draft Aligned Process

- This second step is where a draft version of the aligned tool is created. The Director of Evaluation and Assessment will create a draft tool based on the information provided by programs in Step 1. Programs will be given a few weeks.
 - i. Due January 31, 2023
 - ii. Programs will be emailed their specific tool.

3. Finalize Aligned Tool

- In this final step, programs will provide feedback to the Director of Evaluation and Assessment on the draft tool created. Working collaboratively, the final version of the tool will be created for use by programs.
 - i. Due March 31, 2023.

Once the final step is completed, the tool will be available for programs to use starting Spring 2023. When available, this tool will be transitioned to an online platform. The goal is for the platform to be available for use in conjunction with the creation of the final version of the tool in Spring 2023, but this dependent on ITS availability and program completion of the steps above.