Core Course Assessment Plan, 2019-20
Element 2: Mathematics

Please complete all sections; do not delete section information. Submit to Pilot when complete.

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Course Dept. Prefix: MTH Course #: 2240

Semester when assessment will occur: □ Spring □ Summer x □ Fall Year: 2019 or 2020

Course Title: Applied Calculus

Section Types and number of sections offered in 2019-20. Complete all that apply.

X ___ Dayton face-to-face

Lake face-to-face

Dayton online

Lake online

Dayton Honors

Lake Honors

Attributes: ___ Integrative Writing in Core

Multicultural Competency in Core

Service Learning in Core

Dept. Core Assessment Lead: ___ Mindy Diesslin

Mindy.Diesslin@wright.edu

Name

email

List at least two assessors; this may include course instructor only if there are multiple sections and multiple instructors of the course. Note - The instructor may not assess his/her students’ papers.

• Karen Brackenridge

• Mindy Diesslin

• Cathryn Curry

• Marj Hess – Lake Campus

SECTION 2: ASSESSMENT PLAN

It is preferable to have the assessment plan for all sections of a course. If not feasible, please complete an assessment plan for separate sections.

Course Outcomes. ___ Check here if Outcomes have been modified.

The course must address all 5 outcomes but must assess a minimum of 1 outcome. Highlight in yellow the outcome(s) you will assess. If you have modified the outcomes, please insert here in place of standard outcomes.

1. Identify the various elements of a mathematical or statistical model;
2. Determine the values of specific components of a mathematical/statistical model or relationships among various components;
3. **Apply a mathematical/statistical model to a real-world problem;**
4. Interpret and draw conclusions from graphical, tabular, and other numerical or statistical representations of data; and
5. Summarize and justify analyses of mathematical/statistical models for problems, expressing solutions using an appropriate combination of words, symbols, tables or graphs.
Assignments. Select one of the options below for assessment of one or more outcomes

☐ Written assignment(s) that addresses/address outcome(s). Include outcome #, title and description for each assignment.

Outcome #: ______ Title:

Description of assignment:

☐ Essay question(s). Provide the question(s) and outcome(s) below.

1. Outcome #: ______ Essay Question: A study conducted on a patient undergoing cardiac catheterization indicated that the diameter of the aorta was approximately D millimeters when the aortic pressure was p (mm of mercury), where D(p) = -0.0009p^2 + 0.13p + 17.81, for 50 ≤ p ≤ 120.
   A) Find the rate of change of diameter with respect to pressure when the pressure is 60 mm.
   B) Use calculus to find the absolute maximum diameter and state at which value of pressure it occurs. Remember to check critical points if they are within the domain.

2. Outcome #: ______ Essay Question: _____________________________________________________________

3. Outcome #: ______ Essay Question: _____________________________________________________________

☐ Pilot asynchronous written discussion that addresses outcome(s). Provide the outcome # and question(s).

1. Outcome #: ______ Discussion Question: ________________________________________________________

2. Outcome #: ______ Discussion Question: ________________________________________________________

3. Outcome #: ______ Discussion Question: ________________________________________________________

☐ Multiple Choice or T/F Marker questions – 3 to 4 questions per outcome. List the outcome and question numbers. A rubric is not used for Marker questions. “All the above” should not be used as the correct answer more than once. Courses that are IW or SRV/SRVI must use written assignments for those attributes. Complete the benchmark: We expect _____% of students to answer ____% of the question(s) correctly.

1. Outcome #: ___________
   a) Question: ___________________________________________________________________________
   b) Question: ___________________________________________________________________________
   c) Question: ___________________________________________________________________________
   d) Question: ___________________________________________________________________________

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Collecting and submitting the student assignment(s)

_____ Will upload assignment(s) to Pilot  _____ Will give access to assignment(s) on Pilot
Other: will make copies of the students’ final exam answers and scan in a subset of these final exam questions to submit to Lake Campus for evaluation there by Marj Hess

Rubric Selection (A, B). Select the items you feel best match your assignment(s) in the rubric(s) on the next pages. Please highlight in yellow. If this course has an IW attribute, please also see section B.

A. Element 2 Rubric. Select the item(s) you will use in your rubric by highlighting in yellow the item(s). You may select one or more of them. As there is overlap, choose the items that best fit the assignment you select for assessment. The items below are taken from the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) Value Rubrics for Math Literacy.

**IF YOU ARE USING MARKER QUESTIONS FOR THE OUTCOME, DO NOT USE THIS RUBRIC.**

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<td>Ability to explain information presented in mathematical forms (e.g., equations, graphs, diagrams, tables, words)</td>
<td>Provides accurate explanations of information presented in mathematical forms. Makes appropriate inferences based on that information. For example, accurately explains trend data shown in graphs, band makes reasonable predictions regarding what data suggest about future events.</td>
<td>Provides somewhat accurate explanations of information presented in mathematical forms, but occasionally makes minor errors related to calculations or units. For example, accurately explains trend data shown in graphs, but makes minor calculations.</td>
<td>Provides somewhat accurate explanations of information presented in mathematical forms, but occasionally makes minor errors related to calculations or units. For example, accurately explains trend data shown in graphs, but makes minor calculations.</td>
<td>Attempt to explain information presented in mathematical forms, but draws incorrect, conclusions about what information means. For example, attempts to explain trend data shown in a graph, but will frequently misinterpret the nature of the trend, perhaps confusing positive and negative trends.</td>
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<td>Representation</td>
<td>Skillfully converts relevant information into an insightful mathematical portrayal in a way that contributes to a further or deeper understanding.</td>
<td>Competently converts relevant information into an insightful mathematical portrayal.</td>
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<td>Completes conversion of information but results in mathematical portrayal that is only partially appropriate or accurate.</td>
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<td>Calculation</td>
<td>Calculations attempted are essentially all successful and sufficiently comprehensive to solve the problem. Calculations are also presented clearly (clearly, concisely, etc.).</td>
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<td>Application/Analysis Ability</td>
<td>Make judgment and draw appropriate conclusions based on quantitative analysis of data, while recognizing the limitations of this analysis.</td>
<td>Use the quantitative analysis of data as the basis for deep and thoughtful judgments, drawing insightful, carefully qualified conclusions from this work.</td>
<td>Use the quantitative analysis of data as the basis for competent judgments, drawing reasonable and appropriately qualified conclusions from this work.</td>
<td>Use the quantitative analysis of data as the basis for tentative, basic judgments, although hesitant or uncertain about drawing conclusions from this work.</td>
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<td>Assumptions Ability to make and evaluate important assumptions in estimation, modeling, and data analysis</td>
<td>Explicitly describes assumptions and provides compelling rationales for why each assumption is appropriate. Shows awareness that confidence in final conclusions is limited by the accuracy of the assumptions.</td>
<td>Explicitly describes assumptions and provides compelling rationales for why assumptions are appropriate.</td>
<td>Explicitly describes assumptions.</td>
<td>Attempts to describe assumptions.</td>
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<td>Communication Expressing quantitative evidence in support of the argument or purpose of the work (integrating what evidence is used, presented, and contextualized)</td>
<td>Uses quantitative information in connection with the argument or purpose of the work, presenting it in an effective format, and explicating it with consistently high quality.</td>
<td>Uses quantitative information in connection with the argument or purpose of the work, though data may be presented in an less than completely effective format, some parts of the explanation may be uneven.</td>
<td>Uses quantitative information, but does not effectively connect it to the argument or purpose of the work.</td>
<td>Presents an argument for which quantitative evidence is pertinent, but does not provide adequate explicit numerical support. (May use quasi-quantitative words such as &quot;many&quot;, &quot;few&quot;, &quot;increasing&quot;, &quot;small,&quot; and the like instead of actual quantities.)</td>
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B. If this is an IW course, you will use the items on this page. You may select one or more of them. Please highlight in yellow.

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<td>Includes considerations of audience, purpose, and the circumstances surrounding the writing task(s).</td>
<td>Demonstrates a thorough understanding of context, audience, and purpose that is responsive to the assigned task(s) and focuses all elements of the work.</td>
<td>Demonstrates adequate consideration of context, audience, and purpose and a clear focus on the assigned task(s) (e.g., the task aligns with audience, purpose, and context).</td>
<td>Demonstrates awareness of context, audience, purpose, and to the assigned tasks(s) (e.g., begins to show awareness of audience's perceptions and assumptions).</td>
<td>Demonstrates minimal attention to context, audience, purpose, and to the assigned tasks(s) (e.g., expectation of instructor or self as audience).</td>
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<td>Content Development</td>
<td>Uses appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to illustrate mastery of the subject, conveying the writer’s understanding, and shaping the whole work.</td>
<td>Uses appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to explore ideas within the context of the discipline and shape the whole work.</td>
<td>Uses appropriate and relevant content to develop and explore ideas through most of the work.</td>
<td>Uses appropriate and relevant content to develop simple ideas in some parts of the work.</td>
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<td>Formal and informal rules inherent in the expectations for writing in particular forms and/or academic fields (please see glossary).</td>
<td>Demonstrates detailed attention to and successful execution of a wide range of conventions particular to a specific discipline and/or writing task(s) including organization, content, presentation, formatting, and stylistic choices</td>
<td>Demonstrates consistent use of important conventions particular to a specific discipline and/or writing task(s), including organization, content, presentation, and stylistic choices</td>
<td>Follows expectations appropriate to a specific discipline and/or writing task(s) for basic organization, content, and presentation</td>
<td>Attempts to use a consistent system for basic organization and presentation.</td>
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<td>Sources and Evidence</td>
<td>Demonstrates skillful use of high-quality, credible, relevant sources to develop ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of the writing.</td>
<td>Demonstrates consistent use of credible, relevant sources to support ideas that are situated within the discipline and genre of the writing.</td>
<td>Demonstrates an attempt to use credible and/or relevant sources to support ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of the writing.</td>
<td>Demonstrates an attempt to use sources to support ideas in the writing.</td>
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<td>Control of Syntax and Mechanics</td>
<td>Uses graceful language that skillfully communicates meaning to readers with clarity and fluency, and is virtually error-free.</td>
<td>Uses straightforward language that generally conveys meaning to readers. The language in the portfolio has few errors.</td>
<td>Uses language that generally conveys meaning to readers with clarity, although writing may include some errors.</td>
<td>Uses language that sometimes impedes meaning because of errors in usage.</td>
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Faculty Senate CORE Oversight Committee

Assessment Plan Review

Element: 2

Course: MTH 2240

Review 1

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<td>Under “Collecting and submitting the student assignments (bottom of p. 2 and top of p. 3)”, Add to “Other: will make copies of the students’ final exams” “before the exams are graded”. Also add, “Student workers will copy the assignment before any grading begins and scan a separate pdf of every students’ assignment. The student worker will then create a zip file of the separate, ungraded exams to be sent to Carl Brun for entry into Aqua Watermark”.</td>
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<td>On Page 1, Courses must be assessed in 2019-2020 academic year; Fall 2020 is not within that range.</td>
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**Review Status: Revision Requested**

Committee Chair Signature MH:bfn Date 5/1/2019
The next section is for the University Core Oversight Committee (UCOC) Review only.

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Committee Chair Signature  

Date 12/2019
Note: Report Template will be added to each of the individualized assessment plans to facilitate having one final document (assessment and report) for each course.

SECTION 4: ASSESSMENT REPORT  DUE May 7, 2021

A separate report needs to be submitted for each assessment plan approved by the Undergraduate Core Oversight Committee (UCOC).

Please upload this entire document to the Pilot course called Element 5 Core Course Assessment 2020-21 (continuous year) by Friday, May 7, 2021. The Final Report Dropbox link can be accessed via Content > Dropbox (Plans, Reports) > Final Report Dropbox.

Date Report Submitted: 1/31/22

Element: Core Element 2 – Mathematics or Core Element 6 – Natural Science

Academic Year: Element 6 – 2018 to 2019  Element 2 – 2021 to 2022 (adjust dates based on data collection).

Course and Sections Assessed:

Describe the final assessment plan that was implemented and explain any changes made to the approved plan.

See assessment plan documents (assessmentplan2240updated.docx and assessmentplandetails.docx). The only changes made were the removal of faculty members’ names who are no longer assessors and the years.

I. Core Learning Outcomes Assessed (list):

   Apply a mathematical/statistical model to a real-world problem.

II. Procedures Used for Assessment

   For each learning outcome addressed by this report, state where and when data were collected (in a course, exam, or performance) and how they were evaluated (e.g. rubric, rating scale, key questions from exams, etc.). Specify the course or courses where students demonstrated the outcomes (if applicable) and the assignment(s) that you used for assessment purposes (e.g., capstone project, final examination, research paper, student presentation, performance, portfolio, etc.).

   Dr. Qun Li taught 3 sections of MTH 2240 during fall semester 2021. She put a question on the final exam (previously approved in the assessment plan) and randomly selected 10 final exams from those turned in from each class (since there are approximately 20 students in each section). Dr. Li copied only the page of the exam with the assessment question prior to grading it, randomly selected 15 pages of those copied, and uploaded those to Marj Hess from Lake Campus. The remaining 15 copies were uploaded to Karen Brackenridge at the Dayton campus. Marj and Karen graded their sets of papers using the given rubric on the assessment plan (scores from 1 to 4 for both “representation” and “calculation”).
III. Summary of Assessment Results:

What did you find from your assessments? (Present and analyze the results from the Aqua system analysis by Vice Provost Tammy Kahrig and/or your departmental review of marker questions.) What did your data reveal about how well students are achieving the Core Learning Outcomes that you listed above? After analyzing your data, present a summary of the data, clearly indicating what any numbers represent (e.g. percentages? means? medians?). Please number each corresponding assessment, summary, and analysis.

The results show a slightly lower mean and median for the calculation than for the representation. Karen and Marj’s results of the randomly selected papers showed similar findings between the graders. A very small proportion of students scored at the benchmark score of 1 (2/30 for representation and 5/30 for calculation). Data was collected from about half of the overall population. It appears the learning outcome is being achieved very well in the two categories.

Representation scores: 3,3,4,3,1,2,4,2,3,4,4,2,4,3 (Marj) 4,3,4,1,2,3,4,2,3,2,2,3,4,2,2 (Karen)
Calculation scores: 2,2,4,2,1,1,3,2,3,3,3,1,2,2 (Marj) 4,2,4,1,1,3,4,2,4,3,2,4,2,2 (Karen)

Representation: mean = 87/30 = 2.9, median = 3.0
Calculation: mean=74/30 = 2.5, median = 2.0

Benchmark Met ☐ Yes or ☐ No
If not met, please identify conditions (if any) that may have impacted these findings.

IV. ACTIONS TAKEN/PLANNED TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING

Describe how you shared the results with instructors of the courses, the department curriculum committee and chair, Lake campus, and other stakeholders. Explain briefly how department faculty will make improvements based upon the assessment findings (e.g. plans to gather more information; recommending changes to the learning outcomes or assessment procedures; changes in course content, instructional approaches, technology, order of course offerings, materials, resources, assignments, policies, funding, advising, planning, training for adjuncts, etc.).

Summary results will be shared through e-mail with department members at both campuses. In order to improve student learning, it would be good to assess the course again and compare those results with the fall 2021 results after suggestions are made, especially with regard to calculation. It was observed that many times calculations were incorrect or incomplete in order to solve the problem, so more emphasis should be placed on the writing of mathematics and the attention to detail in the question. Representation was very good in most cases, and it should always be at the forefront in the instructor’s mind to make as many connections as possible between how to represent the situation and what the calculations then mean, both algebraically and graphically.

V. Assessment Administration Feedback

The assessment of the courses was part of the Core assessment cycle. The assessment plan was reviewed and approved by the UCOC. The UCOC provided a presentation on tools available to assist with the assessment, including Watermark Aqua.

Please describe any changes you recommend about the oversight of the assessment process by the UCOC and the Academic Affairs office.

None recommended at this time
# UCOC Report Review

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