

Core Course Assessment Plan, 2022-23
Element 4: Arts/Humanities

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

SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Course Dept. Prefix: REL Course #: 2040

Semester when assessment will occur: ☒ Fall 2022 ☐ Spring 2023 ☐ Summer 2023

Course Title: Bible, Qur'an, and Western Culture _____

Section Types and number of sections offered in 2022-23. Complete all that apply.

☒ Dayton face-to-face ☒ Lake face-to-face
☐ Dayton online ☐ Lake online
☐ Dayton Honors ☐ Lake Honors

Note: If section at Lake Campus must include assessment of Lake Campus section(s) and faculty from Lake Campus as evaluators.

Attributes: ☒ Integrative Writing in Core
☒ Multicultural Competency in Core
☐ Service Learning in Core

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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.

- Valerie Stoker
- Jeannette Marchand
- Scott Wilson
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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 4 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. The two rubrics that we are using match with 1 and 3 if want 2 or 4 we will assist you with identifying a rubric.

1. **Critically analyze significant creative, literary, philosophical or religious works.
2. Understand and discuss the complex blend of imaginative vision, socio-cultural context, ethical values, and aesthetic judgment in creative, philosophical, or religious works.
3. **Recognize, evaluate and respond to creative, and philosophical, or religious works.
4. Develop appropriate and ethical applications of knowledge in the humanities or the arts.

**Rubrics in Section A – Element – Fit with Outcomes #1 and #3.

Assignments. Select **one** of the options below for assessment of one or more outcomes

The goal of assessment is to determine the degree to which students are able to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, or competencies stated in each of the Core Learning Outcomes. Moreover, the assessment is intended to provide **your department** information regarding patterns of student performance relative to the learning outcomes so **you** may identify opportunities for actions to improve student attainment of the Core Learning Outcomes. With that goal in mind, please identify below the student work products you plan to examine to allow you to best determine the degree to which students are achieving the learning outcomes and to assist you with learning improvement efforts.

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

Outcome #: **3** Title: For REL 2040 MAIN CAMPUS SECTION: Biblical Analysis Essay

Description of assignment: **Part 1:** Discuss a short book from either the Hebrew Scriptures or the New Testament.

In 5-6 pages (typed and double-spaced), approximately 1,500 words, analyze the text by addressing the following:
-The heart of your essay must focus on its major ideas or themes. What is the text trying to convey and how does it achieve its goal? **You must directly quote and discuss at least 5 key passages from the Biblical book that illustrate these ideas.**

You must use, quote (either directly or paraphrase) and properly cite through University of Chicago style footnotes, which include page references at least five secondary sources.

Part 2: Creative writing exercise in 2-3 double-spaced pages. Imagine that you are the most important disciple of the central figure that you wrote about in part 1.

You have been asked to deliver a eulogy at the funeral of your master. If you chose a text from the New Testament, compose a eulogy for Paul, (not Jesus). Offer an intimate reflection on the life, goals and accomplishments of your teacher. How did you meet him and become their disciple? How would you describe this person to someone who never met him? Discuss several important events in this individual's life that you witnessed. **These should be imaginary**, but must nevertheless fit with this person's life as presented in the Bible.

Do not simply paraphrase the biblical text---be creative and original!

Outcome #: **3** Title: For REL 2040 LAKE CAMPUS SECTION: Biblical Analysis Essay

Using all of the readings from this semester (along with any relevant material from the Bible and Koran) compose an essay that discusses the relationship between Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and violence. The main questions that you should explore are: in which ways does the Abrahamic tradition forbid violence? In which ways does the Abrahamic tradition condone violence? Do those who advocate violence in the name of God have scriptural support for that advocacy, or do they depart from scripture when they excuse violent behavior? Feel free to utilize other research sources from outside of class so long as you cite them appropriately.

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

1. Outcome #: _____ Essay Question: _____
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.

Collecting and submitting the student assignment(s)

__x__ Will upload assignment(s) to Pilot

__x__ Will give access to assignment(s) on Pilot

____ Paper Copies: Student workers will copy the assignment before any grading begins and scan a separate .pdf of every student’s assignment. The student worker will then create a zip file of the ungraded student work to be sent to Tammy Kahrig for entry into the Aqua system. Once the student work has been entered into Aqua, faculty listed as “Assessors” will be contacted to review a random sample of the work according to the rubric and results will be compiled and returned to your department.

Other: _____

SECTION : RUBRIC SELECTION (A, B, C, & D)

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 complete section B. If the course has an MC attribute, please complete Section C. If the course has an SRV/SRVI attribute, please complete section D**

A. Element 4 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 Undergraduate Education.

If you have an MC, IW, and/or an SRV/SRVI attribute, please also see pages 6, 7, and 8.

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

Benchmark: __60__% achieve a __3__ level of performance rating on the rubric.

	Mastery 4	Partial Mastery 3	Progressing 2	Benchmark 1
Acquiring Competencies	Reflect: Evaluates creative process and product using domain-appropriate criteria.	Create: Creates an entirely new object, solution, or idea that is appropriate to the domain.	Adapt: Successfully adapts an appropriate exemplar to his/her own specifications.	Model: Successfully reproduces an appropriate exemplar.
Taking Risks	Actively seeks out and follows through on untested and potentially risky directions or approaches to the assignment in the final product.	Incorporates new directions or approaches to the assignment in the final product.	Considers new directions or approaches without going beyond the guidelines of the assignment.	Stays strictly within the guidelines of the assignment

	Mastery 4	Partial Mastery 3	Progressing 2	Benchmark 1
Solving Problems	Not only develops a logical, consistent plan to solve problem, but recognizes consequences of solution and can articulate reason for choosing solution.	Having selected from among alternatives, develops a logical, consistent plan to solve the problem.	Considers and rejects less acceptable approaches to solving problem.	Only a single approach is considered and is used to solve the problem.
Embracing Contradictions	Integrates alternate, divergent, or contradictory perspectives or ideas fully.	Incorporates alternate, divergent, or contradictory perspectives or ideas in an exploratory way.	Includes (recognizes the value of) alternate, divergent, or contradictory perspectives or ideas in a small way.	Acknowledges (mentions in passing) alternate, divergent, or contradictory perspectives or ideas.
Innovative Thinking	Extends a novel or unique idea, question, format, or product to create new knowledge or knowledge that crosses boundaries.	Creates a novel or unique idea, question, format, or product.	Experiments with creating a novel or unique idea, question, format, or product.	Reformulates a collection of available ideas.
Connecting, Synthesizing, Transforming	Transforms ideas or solutions into entirely new forms.	Synthesizes ideas or solutions into a coherent whole.	Connects ideas or solutions in novel ways.	Recognizes existing connections among ideas or solutions.
Comprehension	Recognizes possible implications of the text for contexts, perspectives, or issues beyond the assigned task within the classroom or beyond the author's explicit message (e.g., might recognize broader issues at play, or might pose challenges to the author's message and presentation).	Uses the text, general background knowledge, and/or specific knowledge of the author's context to draw more complex inferences about the author's message and attitude.	Evaluates how textual features (e.g., sentence and paragraph structure or tone) contribute to the author's message; draws basic inferences about context and purpose of text	Apprehends vocabulary appropriately to paraphrase or summarize the information the text communicates.
Genres	Uses ability to identify texts within and across genres, monitoring and adjusting reading strategies and expectations based on generic nuances of particular texts.	Articulates distinctions among genres and their characteristic conventions.	Reflects on reading experiences across a variety of genres, reading both with and against the grain experimentally and intentionally.	Applies tacit genre knowledge to a variety of classroom reading assignments in productive, if unreflective, ways.
Relationship to Text	Evaluates texts for scholarly significance and relevance within and across the various disciplines, evaluating them according to their contributions and consequences.	Uses texts in the context of scholarship to develop a foundation of disciplinary knowledge and to raise and explore important questions.	Engages texts with the intention and expectation of building topical and world knowledge.	Approaches texts in the context of assignments with the intention and expectation of finding right answers and learning facts and concepts to display for credit.
Analysis	Evaluates strategies for relating ideas, text structure, or other textual features in order to build knowledge or insight within and across texts and disciplines.	Identifies relations among ideas, text structure, or other textual features to evaluate how they support an advanced understanding of the text as a whole.	Recognizes relations among parts or aspects of a text, such as effective or ineffective arguments or literary features, in considering how these contribute to a basic understanding of the text as a whole.	Identifies aspects of a text (e.g., content, structure, or relations among ideas) as needed to respond to questions posed in assigned tasks.

	Mastery 4	Partial Mastery 3	Progressing 2	Benchmark 1
Interpretation	Provides evidence not only that s/he can read by using an appropriate epistemological lens but that s/he can also engage in reading as part of a continuing dialogue within and beyond a discipline or a community of readers.	Articulates an understanding of the multiple ways of reading and the range of interpretive strategies particular to one's discipline(s) or in a given community of readers.	Demonstrates that s/he can read purposefully, choosing among interpretive strategies depending on the purpose of the reading.	Can identify purpose(s) for reading, relying on an external authority such as an instructor for clarification of the task.
Reader's Voice	Discusses texts with an independent intellectual and ethical disposition so as to further or maintain disciplinary conversations.	Elaborates on the texts (through interpretation or questioning) so as to deepen or enhance an ongoing discussion.	Discusses texts in structured conversations (such as in a classroom) in ways that contribute to a basic, shared understanding of the text.	Comments about texts in ways that preserve the author's meanings and link them to the assignment.

B. Integrated Writing Rubric (if applicable) 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.

Benchmark for Rubric __60% of students can achieve level 3__

Item	Mastery 4	Partial Mastery 3	Progressing 2	Emerging 1
Includes considerations of audience, purpose, and the circumstances surrounding the writing task(s).	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of context, audience, and purpose that is responsive to the assigned task(s) and focuses all elements of the work.	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).	Demonstrates awareness of context, audience, purpose, and to the assigned tasks(s) (e.g., begins to show awareness of audience's perceptions and assumptions).	Demonstrates minimal attention to context, audience, purpose, and to the assigned tasks(s) (e.g., expectation of instructor or self as audience).
Content Development	Uses appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to illustrate mastery of the subject, conveying the writer's understanding, and shaping the whole work.	Uses appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to explore ideas within the context of the discipline and shape the whole work.	Uses appropriate and relevant content to develop and explore ideas through most of the work.	Uses appropriate and relevant content to develop simple ideas in some parts of the work.
Formal and informal rules inherent in the expectations for writing in particular forms and/or academic fields (please see glossary).	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	Demonstrates consistent use of important conventions particular to a specific discipline and/or writing task(s), including organization, content, presentation, and stylistic choices	Follows expectations appropriate to a specific discipline and/or writing task(s) for basic organization, content, and presentation	Attempts to use a consistent system for basic organization and presentation.
Sources and Evidence	Demonstrates skillful use of high-quality, credible, relevant sources to develop ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of the writing	Demonstrates consistent use of credible, relevant sources to support ideas that are situated within the discipline and genre of the writing.	Demonstrates an attempt to use credible and/or relevant sources to support ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of the writing.	Demonstrates an attempt to use sources to support ideas in the writing.
Control of Syntax and Mechanics	Uses graceful language that skillfully communicates meaning to readers with clarity and fluency, and is virtually error-free.	Uses straightforward language that generally conveys meaning to readers. The language in the portfolio has few errors.	Uses language that generally conveys meaning to readers with clarity, although writing may include some errors.	Uses language that sometimes impedes meaning because of errors in usage.

C. Multicultural Competence Rubric (if applicable) If this is an MC course, you will use the items on this page. You may select one or more of them.

Benchmark for Rubric _____

Item	Mastery 4	Partial Mastery 3	Progressing 2	Emerging 1
Cultural self- awareness	Articulates insights into own cultural rules and biases (e.g. seeking complexity; aware of how her/his experiences have shaped these rules, and how to recognize and respond to cultural biases, resulting in a shift in self-description.)	Recognizes new perspectives about own cultural rules and biases (e.g. not looking for sameness; comfortable with the complexities that new perspectives offer.)	Identifies own cultural rules and biases (e.g. with a strong preference for those rules shared with own cultural group and seeks the same in others.)	Shows minimal awareness of own cultural rules and biases (even those shared with own cultural group(s)) (e.g. uncomfortable with identifying possible cultural differences with others.)
Knowledge of cultural worldview frameworks	Demonstrates sophisticated understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.	Demonstrates adequate understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.	Demonstrates partial understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.	Demonstrates surface understanding of the complexity of elements important to members of another culture in relation to its history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.
Empathy	Interprets intercultural experience from the perspectives of own and more than one worldview and demonstrates ability to act in a supportive manner that recognizes the feelings of another cultural group.	Recognizes intellectual and emotional dimensions of more than one worldview and sometimes uses more than one worldview in interactions.	Identifies components of other cultural perspectives but responds in all situations with own worldview.	Views the experience of others but does so through own cultural worldview.
Verbal and nonverbal communication	Articulates a complex understanding of cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication (e.g., demonstrates understanding of the degree to which people use physical contact while communicating in different cultures or use direct/indirect and explicit/implicit meanings) and is able to skillfully negotiate a shared understanding based on those differences.	Recognizes and participates in cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication and begins to negotiate a shared understanding based on those differences.	Identifies some cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication and is aware that misunderstandings can occur based on those differences but is still unable to negotiate a shared understanding.	Has a minimal level of understanding of cultural differences in verbal and nonverbal communication; is unable to negotiate a shared understanding.
Curiosity	Asks complex questions about other cultures, seeks out and articulates answers to these questions that reflect multiple cultural perspectives.	Asks deeper questions about other cultures and seeks out answers to these questions.	Asks simple or surface questions about other cultures.	States minimal interest in learning more about other cultures.
Openness	Initiates and develops interactions with culturally different others. Suspends judgment in valuing her/his interactions with culturally different others.	Begins to initiate and develop interactions with culturally different others. Begins to suspend judgment in valuing her/his interactions with culturally different others.	Expresses openness to most, if not all, interactions with culturally different others. Has difficulty suspending any judgment in her/his interactions with culturally different others, and is aware of own judgment and expresses a willingness to change.	Receptive to interacting with culturally different others. Has difficulty suspending any judgment in her/his interactions with culturally different others, but is unaware of own judgment.

Submit the entire form to the Pilot Assessment Plan Drop Box located in the Course: Element 4 Core Course Assessment 2022-2023 – located in Continuous Year.

SECTION 4: ASSESSMENT REPORT DUE October 15, 2023

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 4 Core Course Assessment 2022-23 (continuous year)** by October 15, 2023. The Final Report Dropbox link can be accessed via **Content > Dropbox (Plans, Reports) > Final Report Dropbox**.*

Date Report Submitted:

Element: Core Element 4 – Arts/Humanities

Academic Year: 2022-2023

Course and Sections Assessed:

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

I. Core Learning Outcomes Assessed (list):

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.).

The assessors evaluated learning outcome 3 (Recognize, evaluate and respond to creative, and philosophical, or religious works) in REL 2040 by using a rating scale of 0-4 to assess papers collected from students in the course. The text of each assignment appears above. Assessors evaluated these papers based on their demonstration of the skill “Includes considerations of audience, purpose, and the circumstances surrounding the writing task(s)”, and for the Multicultural Competence component, demonstrations of “Openness”.

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.

Benchmark Met ☒ **Yes** or ☐ **No**

If not met, please identify conditions (if any) that may have impacted these findings.

Assessors read a set of essays from Dr. Verman’s Fall 2022 course, The Bible, Quran, and Western Culture (REL 2040), consisting of 32 papers total. The assignment asked students to analyze a book of the Bible, using scholarly sources cited in Chicago Manual of Style format, and demonstrate openness to

various possible interpretations of the material by setting aside their own preconceptions of the material. Each paper was read and given a score from 0 to 4 based on these elements.

Results:

1 student scored a 0

12 students scored a 2

15 students scored a 3

4 students scored a 4

19 students or 60% scored higher than a 3, indicating that the benchmark for the course was met.

Assessors read a set of essays from Isaac Abram's Fall 2022 course, *The Bible, Quran, and Western Culture (REL 2040)*, consisting of 11 papers total. The assignment asked students to use all of the readings from the semester (along with any relevant material from the Bible and Koran) to compose an essay that discusses the relationship between Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and violence. The assignment required citing sources in MLA or APA format and asked students to demonstrate openness to various possible interpretations of the material by setting aside their own preconceptions. Each paper was read and given a score from 0 to 4 based on these elements.

RESULTS:

4 students scored a 2

7 students scored a 3—this constitutes 60% of the students in the class, indicating that the benchmark for the course was met.

IV. ACTIONS TAKEN/PLANNED TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING IN THE CORE

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.).

The findings were shared with the instructors, the school chair, and the department curriculum committee via email.

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.