

Fermanian School of Business
MBA Organizational Leadership Concentration PLO #A1 Assessment
2023-2024

Learning Outcome:

MBA Organizational Leadership Concentration PLO #A1: Assess organizational issues and make sound recommendations based on organizational behavior concepts.

Outcome Measure:

BUS6010 – Case Study Analysis

Criteria for Success:

Average student score for each criteria on the Organizational Leadership Concentration PLO #A1 Rubric will be a 3.0 or higher out of 4.0

Aligned with DQP Learning Areas (circle one or more but not all five):

1. Specialized Knowledge
2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
4. Applied and Collaborative Learning, and
5. Civic and Global Learning

Initial Data:

MBA Organizational Leadership Concentration PLO #A1 Rubric – Average Student Scores:

Semester	N	Organizational Impact	Recommendations	Risks	Total
Spring 2021	38	3.71	3.53	3.34	3.53
Spring 2022	28	3.29	3.18	3.25	3.24
Spring 2023	30	3.23	3.53	3.37	3.38
Spring 2024	22	3.18	3.18	3.14	3.17

Note: N=number of assessments (2 assessor scores per student)

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

The signature assignment was changed in AY 20-21.

The criteria for success were met in all rubric areas for the four semesters.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

No changes are recommended. Data will continue to be collected.

MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION PLO #A1 RUBRIC

Point Loma Nazarene University Management Concentration Learning Outcome #A1: Asses organizational issues and make sound recommendations based on organizational behavioral concepts and theories.

Criteria	Excellent 4	Meets Expectations 3	Needs Improvement 2	Does Not Meet Expectations 1
Organizational Impact	Paper clearly identifies one or more issues impacting all four key components of an organization: individual, teams, leadership, and context	Paper often identifies one or more issues impacting most of the four key components of an organization: individual, teams, leadership, and context.	Paper somewhat identifies at least one issue impacting at least two of the four key components of an organization: individual, teams, leadership, and context	Paper does not clearly identify any issues impacting the four key components of an organization: individual, teams, leadership, and context.
Recommendations	Paper includes appropriate and very clear recommendations for each component (individual, teams, leadership, and context) and clearly discusses the organizational behavior theories and concepts the recommendations are based on.	Paper usually includes appropriate and clear recommendations for each component (individual, teams, leadership, and context) and often discusses the organizational behavior theories and concepts the recommendations are based on.	Paper sometimes includes appropriate and clear recommendations for each component (individual, teams, leadership, and context) and sometimes discusses the organizational behavior theories and concepts the recommendations are based on.	Paper rarely includes appropriate and clear recommendations for each component (individual, teams, leadership, and context) and does not discuss the organizational behavior theories and concepts the recommendations are based on.
Risks	Risks associated with the recommendation for each organizational component (individual, teams, leadership, and context) are clearly addressed and supported.	Risks associated with the recommendation for each organizational component (individual, teams, leadership, and context) are often addressed and supported.	Risks associated with the recommendation for each organizational component (individual, teams, leadership, and context) are sometimes clearly addressed and supported.	Risks associated with the recommendation for each organization component (individual, teams, leadership, and context) are not clearly addressed and supported.

Average Score: _____ (Total/# of criteria)

Fermanian School of Business
MBA Innovation and Entrepreneurship Concentration PLO #B1 Assessment
2023-2024

Learning Outcome:

MBA Innovation and Entrepreneurship Concentration PLO #B1: Create viable business opportunities using innovation and entrepreneurship methods and knowledge.

Outcome Measure:

BUS6078 – Darwinator Simulation

Criteria for Success:

70% of the students will score an average of 6.5 or higher on a 10.0 scale on at least one innovation

Aligned with DQP Learning Areas (circle one or more but not all five):

1. Specialized Knowledge
2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
4. Applied and Collaborative Learning, and
5. Civic and Global Learning

Longitudinal Data:

Darwinator Results:

Semester	N	% of students with an average score of 6.5 or higher
Fall 2018	12	66.7%
Fall 2019	8	100%
Fall 2020	14	93%
Fall 2021	12	33%
Fall 2022	n/a	N/A
Fall 2023	n/a	N/A

Note: N=number of students

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

The criterion for success was met in two of the periods. However, the most recent data shows a significant drop in the results. This concentration was eliminated from the MBA program in AY22-23.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

No changes are necessary. This is no longer a concentration in the MBA program, and this will be the last report on this old concentration.

Fermanian School of Business
MBA Project Management Concentration PLO #C1 Assessment
2023-2024

Learning Outcome:

MBA Project Management Concentration PLO #C1: Formulate a project management plan based on project management knowledge, concepts and processes.

Outcome Measure:

BUS 6067 – Project Management Plan

Criteria for Success:

Average student score for each criteria on the Project Management Concentration PLO #C1 Rubric will be a 3.0 or higher out of 4.0

Aligned with DQP Learning Areas (circle one or more but not all five):

1. Specialized Knowledge
2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
4. Applied and Collaborative Learning, and
5. Civic and Global Learning

Longitudinal Data:

MBA Project Management Concentration PLO #C1 Rubric – Average Student Scores:

Semester	N	Major Considerations	Tasks and Schedules	Success Factors & Risks	Total
Spring 2021	34	3.56	3.59	3.42	3.52
Spring 2022	40	3.43	3.28	3.20	3.30
Spring 2023	38	3.21	3.28	2.97	3.15
Spring 2024	36	3.69	3.08	3.58	3.45

Note: N=number of assessments (2 assessor scores per student)

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

The signature assignment was changed in AY 20-21.

The criteria of success were met in all rubric areas in all semesters except Success Factors & Risks in Spring 2023; however, it was only .03 off from meeting the criteria for success.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

In AY 20-21, the assessors noted that the project statement template was missing rubric elements. In AY 21-22, the template was updated to include the missing elements. Data will continue to be collected and monitored. No changes are recommended.

MBA: PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION PLO #C1 RUBRIC

Point Loma Nazarene University Project Management Concentration Learning Outcome #C1: Formulate a project management plan based on project management knowledge, concepts, and processes.

Criteria	Excellent 4	Meets Expectations 3	Needs Improvement 2	Does Not Meet Expectations 1
Major Considerations	All major considerations are clearly identified including: purpose, scope, goals, assumptions, stakeholders, roles and responsibilities of team members, deliverables for the project, and budget (including cost estimates).	Most of the major considerations are clearly identified such as: purpose, scope, goals, assumptions, stakeholders, roles and responsibilities of team members, deliverables for the project, and budget (including cost estimates).	Some of the major considerations are clearly identified such as: purpose, scope, goals, assumptions, stakeholders, roles and responsibilities of team members, deliverables for the project, and budget (including cost estimates).	Very few of the major considerations are clearly identified such as: purpose, scope, goals, assumptions, stakeholders, roles and responsibilities of team members, deliverables for the project, and budget (including cost estimates).
Tasks and Schedules	A complete Work Breakdown Structure of all tasks is included, along with a schedule that clearly addresses all of the following: the start, end, critical path and resource leveling. A Gantt or Network Chart is effectively utilized, and the Critical Path is emphasized with clear direction regarding the longest path through the project.	A complete Work Breakdown Structure of most tasks is included, along with a schedule that clearly addresses most of the following: the start, end, critical path and resource leveling. A Gantt or Network Chart is somewhat effectively utilized by being mentioned or highlighted, and the Critical Path is mentioned with some direction as to the longest path through the project.	A complete Work Breakdown Structure of a few tasks is included, along with a schedule that clearly addresses some of the following: the start, end, critical path and resource leveling. A Gantt or Network Chart is included, and the Critical Path is included, but not clearly emphasize the longest path through the project.	A complete Work Breakdown Structure is not included or is vague and the schedule does not clearly address: the start, end, critical path and resource leveling. A Gantt or Network Chart is not effectively utilized and the critical path is not included.
Success Factors and Risks	Factors and measures for success are clearly identified, and an understandable Risk Action Plan is included in the body or as an appendix.	Factors and measures for success are identified, and an understandable Risk Action Plan is included in the body or as an appendix.	Factors and measures for success are somewhat identified and a vague Risk Action Plan is included in the body or as an appendix.	Factors and measures for success are not clearly identified and an understandable Risk Action Plan is not included in the body or as an appendix.

Average Score: _____ (Total/# of criteria)

Note 1: All criteria are weighted equally

**Fermanian School of Business
MBA PLO #1 Assessment
2023-2024**

Learning Outcome:

MBA PLO #1: Exhibit mastery of the concepts, models and theories in the core business disciplines.

Outcome Measure:

Peregrine Comprehensive Exit Exam Results

Criteria for Success:

Score at or above the following:

Peregrine MBA Comprehensive Exit Exam Criteria for Success	
Disciplinary Area	Score
Accounting	50
Business Ethics	57.5
Business Finance	50
Strategic Management	57.5
Economics (Macro/Micro)	50
Global Dimensions of Business	50
Management (OPS, HR, OB)	55
Marketing	60
Legal Environment of Business	50

Aligned with DQP Learning Areas (circle one or more but not all five):

1. Specialized Knowledge
2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
4. Applied and Collaborative Learning, and
5. Civic and Global Learning

Longitudinal Data:

		N									
		Graduate Total		Accounting		Business Ethics		Business Finance		Strategic Management	
		Economics (Macro/Micro)		Global Dimensions of Business		Management (OPS, HR, OB)		Marketing		Legal Environment of Business	
Criteria for Success		50	50	45	55	50	50	55	50	50	TBD
Criteria for Success as of 21-22		50	57.5	50	57.5	50	50	55	60	50	
2016-2017	51	47.7	44.7	51	43.9	51.4	45.5	45.3	52.4	52	
2017-2018	55	51.2	49.0	54.6	48.0	54.7	48.6	49.8	54.9	57.1	
2018-2019	73	50.5	44.1	53.7	50.6	53.4	47.4	47.5	50.8	57.1	50.0
2019-2020	66	51.3	44.2	58.2	46.8	57.7	49.1	45.8	51.7	60.0	48.3
2020-2021	57	52.8	47.4	57.7	51.6	57.0	46.8	48.4	55.6	61.6	49.1
2021-2022	56	51.5	47.1	57.7	48.0	51.1	51.4	44.3	52.7	61.3	49.6
2022-2023	78	49.3	42.7	56.0	42.7	55.9	46.2	43.8	51.2	58.7	46.2
2023-2024	42	49.2	44.3	54.8	49.0	54.3	44.8	46.4	52.9	59.5	36.7

N= number of students completing the exam

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

It is important to note that PLNU's methodology of administering the Peregrine Comprehensive Exam is delivered in a proctored online environment, and students are given a 2-hour 45-minute time limit to complete the test. According to Peregrine, a majority of the schools that administer the Peregrine Comprehensive Exam do so in an un-proctored online format with time limits higher than 2 hours and 45 minutes. Therefore, criteria for success were determined considering (a) the average total score and average disciplinary area scores of National and Region 7 ACBSP schools and (b) the FSB's MBA curriculum focus. Beginning AY 21-22, the criteria for success were increased in the areas of Ethics, Finance, Strategic Management, and Marketing, as detailed in the above schedule.

The first implementation of the Peregrine Comprehensive Exam was during Spring 2016. Prior to AY 15-16, The ETS exam was administered. Testing on the disciplinary area of Legal Environment of Business was implemented in AY 18-19.

During AY 23-24, the criteria for success were not met in any of the disciplinary areas. Accounting was 5.7 points below the criteria for success but did improve from AY 22-23. Ethics fell 2.7 points below the criteria and dropped 1.2 points from the prior year. Finance was only 1 point below the criteria and improved by 6.3 points from the prior year. Strategic Management fell 3.2 points below criteria and was down 1.6 points from the prior year. Economics fell 5.2 points below the criteria and decreased by 1.4 points from the prior year. Global Dimensions of Business was 3.6 points below the criteria but increased by 2.6 points from the prior year. Management fell 2.1 points below the criteria for success but increased by 1.7 points from the prior year. Marketing was only .5 points below the criteria for success and increased .8 points from the prior year. Legal Environment of Business was 13.3 points below the criteria for success and decreased by 9.5 points from the prior year.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

During AY23-24, an analysis of the MBA program was conducted, and the curriculum and course offerings were overhauled to better align with the market's needs. The new MBA was launched in Fall 2024 and included a change from Daytime MBA to Early Career MBA, expanded concentration offerings

and course loads, overall decrease in number of units of the MBA program from 42 to 36, an elimination of business law and international business in the core of the MBA. Moving from Daytime to Early Career also eliminated the daytime/cohort course offerings. Instead, Early Career students will be in the same classes as evening/professional students. Additionally, business law and international business were not core components of MBA competitor programs, so they were eliminated from the core and will be removed from the exit exam in the future. Concentrations were expanded from 6 to 9 units and now include Project Management, Organizational Leadership, Global Business and Leadership, and Sports Management. The Fermanian School of Business has also experienced a high turnover of faculty who teach in the MBA. As a result of these significant changes, no changes will be made based on the AY 23-24 exit exam scores. Instead, data will continue to be collected over the next few years and monitored to see how the changes in the MBA program impact assessment and student learning outcomes.

**Fermanian School of Business
MBA PLO #2 Assessment
2023-2024**

Learning Outcome:

MBA PLO #2: Integrate knowledge across core business disciplines to identify key strategies and opportunities.

Outcome Measure:

BUS 6095 Strategic Management - Final Written Case

Criteria for Success:

The average total score and the average score for each criterion on the Integrative Learning Rubric will be a 3.0 or higher out of 4.0.

Aligned with DQP Learning Areas (circle one or more but not all five):

1. Specialized Knowledge
2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
4. Applied and Collaborative Learning, and
5. Civic and Global Learning

Longitudinal Data – Final Written Case:

Integrative Learning Rubric – Average Student Scores

Semester	N	Identification of Key Industry Predictions	Development of Strategic Recommendations Based upon Insights	Total
Fall 2021	38	3.03	2.83	2.93
Spring 2022	38	3.24	2.62	2.93
Summer 2022	34	3.13	2.50	2.81
Fall 2022	40	2.95	3.03	2.99
Spring 2023	40	2.95	2.90	2.93
Summer 2023	40	3.08	3.23	3.15
Fall 2023	20	2.65	2.35	2.50
Spring 2024	38	2.26	2.13	2.20

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

Scores in the rubric criteria area of Identification of Key Industry Predictions are above goal in four of the eight semesters. The Development of Strategic Recommendations scores are above goal in two of the eight semesters. Both rubric criteria scores fell below the goal in AY 23-24.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

This assessment has undergone several changes over the years to help scores increase, including revising the assignment, clarifying instructions, providing sample papers, and reviewing the rubric with students. Despite these changes, however, the criteria for success were not met in AY 23-24. Due to low enrollment, BUS 6095 was not offered in Fall 2024. However, in Spring 2025, a new set of professors took over the course and are working to make improvements to the content and assessment assignments. Data will continue to be collected and monitored in the years to come, and opportunities for improvement identified.

INTEGRATIVE LEARNING RUBRIC

Point Loma Nazarene University MBA Program Learning Outcome #2: Integrate knowledge across core business disciplines to identify key strategies and opportunities.

Criteria	Excellent 4	Meets Expectations 3	Needs Improvement 2	Does Not Meet Expectations 1
Identification of Key Industry Predictions Based upon Insights Across Business Disciplines	Identifies at least 4 key industry predictions supported using insights from strategy, marketing, and finance (all three), and is supported by strong evidence and analysis.	Identifies at least 3 key industry predictions supported using insights from strategy, marketing, and finance (all three), and is supported by moderate evidence and analysis.	Identifies at least 2 key industry predictions supported using insights from strategy, marketing, and finance (at least two), and is supported by some evidence and analysis..	Identifies less than 1 key industry predictions supported using insights from strategy, marketing, and finance (less than two), and is supported by little or no evidence and analysis..
Development of Strategic Recommendations Based upon Insights Across Business Disciplines	Develops critical changes to the strategic recommendations using insights from strategy, marketing, and finance (all three), and is supported by strong evidence and analysis.	Develops critical changes to the strategic recommendations using insights from strategy, marketing, and finance (all three), and is supported by moderate evidence and analysis.	Develops critical changes to the strategic recommendations using insights from strategy, marketing, and finance (at least two), and is supported by some evidence and analysis.	Develops critical changes to the strategic recommendations using insights from strategy, marketing, and finance (less than two), and is supported by little or no evidence and analysis.

Average Score: _____ (Total/# of criteria)

**Fermanian School of Business
MBA PLO #3 Assessment
2023-2024**

Learning Outcome:

MBA PLO #3: Analyze business issues and propose solutions using analytical and critical thinking skills.

Outcome Measure:

BUS 6070 Financial Management - Finance Case Study Analysis

Criteria for Success:

The average total score and the average score for each criterion of the Analytical and Critical Thinking Rubric will be a 3.0 or higher out of 4.0.

Aligned with DQP Learning Areas (circle one or more but not all five):

1. Specialized Knowledge
2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
4. Applied and Collaborative Learning, and
5. Civic and Global Learning

Longitudinal Data:

Analytical and Critical Thinking Rubric – Average Student Scores:

Semester	N	Explanation of Issues	Evidence and Analysis	Influence of Context and Assumptions	Student's Position	Conclusions and Related Outcomes	Total
Fall 2016	20	3.60	3.25	3.45	3.45	3.35	3.42
Spring 2017	40	3.45	3.65	3.15	3.13	2.95	3.27
Summer 2017	38	3.18	3.03	3.00	3.00	2.82	3.01
Fall 2017	20	3.35	3.05	3.26	3.30	3.10	3.21
Spring 2018	50	3.12	3.36	3.16	3.12	2.98	3.15
Summer 2018	40	3.33	3.35	3.23	3.18	3.10	3.24
Spring 2019	32	3.50	3.53	3.50	2.94	2.94	3.28
Summer 2019	58	3.40	3.67	3.03	3.21	3.00	3.26
Spring 2020	36	3.28	2.92	3.19	3.06	2.94	3.08
Summer 2020	40	2.88	3.95	2.75	2.73	2.35	2.93
Fall 2021	40	3.05	3.15	3.05	3.11	3.00	3.07
Spring 2022	36	3.03	3.39	3.00	2.97	2.92	3.06
Summer 2022	39	2.90	3.28	3.00	3.00	3.03	3.04
Fall 2022	30	2.97	3.60	2.87	2.87	2.83	3.03
Spring 2023	40	3.18	3.90	3.15	3.15	3.13	3.30
Summer 2023	20	3.05	2.85	2.80	2.90	2.90	2.90
Fall 2023	36	2.70	2.69	2.70	2.80	2.83	2.75
Spring 2024	20	3.45	3.55	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.47

Note: N=number of assessments (2 assessor scores per student)

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

Explanation of Issues have met or exceeded the criteria for success in 14 of the 18 semesters.

Evidence and Analysis have met or exceeded the criteria for success in 15 of the 18 semesters.

Influence of Context and Assumptions have met or exceeded the criteria for success in 14 of the 18 semesters.

Student's position has met or exceeded the criteria for success in 12 of the 18 semesters.

Conclusions and related outcomes have met or exceeded the criteria for success in 8 of the 18 semesters.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

Beginning in the Summer of 2018, the final case study of the BUS670 Financial Management class was used for this assessment. Previously, the first case study of the semester was being assessed. As a result of this change, faculty now have the entire semester to develop students' abilities to draw more logical and well-supported conclusions further.

Based on the feedback from the assessors, the case study questions and the rubric were not well aligned. During Spring 2021, the course instructors analyzed and adjusted the rubric and case study questions to ensure alignment and expanded the case study questions to require students to further develop conclusions and related outcomes. The changes made to the questions and rubric resulted in improved Conclusions and Related Outcome Scores.

Starting in the Summer of 2023, a series of 3 new professors are teaching in the area of finance. As they continue to learn and adjust the curriculum, we will work with the finance professors to address the dip in scores seen over the past 3 semesters. There was an additional turnover of faculty in Summer 2024.

Because of these changes, data will continue to be collected and monitored. No additional changes are recommended at this time.

ANALYTICAL & CRITICAL THINKING RUBRIC

Point Loma Nazarene University MBA Program Learning Outcome #3: Analyze business issues and propose solutions using analytical and critical thinking skills.

Criteria	Excellent 4	Meets Expectations 3	Needs Improvement 2	Does Not Meet Expectations 1
Explanation of Issues	Issue/problem to be considered critically is stated clearly and described comprehensively, delivering all relevant information necessary for full understanding.	Issue/problem to be considered critically is stated, described, and clarified so that understanding is not seriously impeded by omissions.	Issue/problem to be considered critically is stated but description leaves some terms undefined, ambiguities unexplored, boundaries undetermined, and/or backgrounds unknown.	Issue/problem to be considered critically is stated without clarification or description.
Evidence and Analysis	Data and information is taken from source(s) with enough interpretation/evaluation to develop a comprehensive financial analysis or synthesis. Data is thoroughly analyzed and tools (Excel) are appropriately used.	Data and information is taken from source(s) with enough interpretation/evaluation to develop a coherent financial analysis or synthesis. Data is analyzed and tools (Excel) are appropriately used in most circumstances.	Data and information is taken from source(s) with some interpretation/evaluation, but not enough to develop a coherent financial analysis or synthesis. Data is analyzed and tools (Excel) are used in some circumstances.	Data and information is taken from source(s) without any financial interpretation/evaluation. Data is not analyzed and tools (Excel) are used very little or not at all.
Influence of Context and Assumptions	Thoroughly analyzes own and case assumptions and carefully evaluates the relevance of contexts when presenting a position.	Identifies own and case assumptions and several relevant contexts when presenting a position.	Questions some assumptions. Identifies several relevant contexts when presenting a position.	Shows an emerging awareness of present assumptions (sometimes labels assertions as assumptions). Begins to identify some contexts when presenting a position.
Student's Position	Specific position is thorough and complete, taking into account the complexities of the financial issue. Limits of position are acknowledged. Supporting sources are used extensively.	Specific position takes into account the complexities of the financial issue. Supporting sources are used somewhat.	Specific position is stated, but does not consider the complexities of the financial issue. Supporting sources are used minimally.	Specific position is stated, but it is simplistic and obvious. Support is not used.
Conclusions and Related Outcomes	Conclusions and related outcomes are logical and reflect student's informed evaluation and ability to place evidence and perspectives discussed in priority order.	Conclusion is logically tied to a range of data and information; related outcomes are identified clearly.	Conclusion is logically tied to data and information (because data and information is chosen to fit the desired conclusion); some related outcomes are identified clearly.	Conclusion is inconsistently tied to some of the data and information discussed; related outcomes are oversimplified.

Average Score: _____ (Total/# of criteria)

Note 1: All criteria are weighted equally

Note 2: This rubric was adapted from the AAC&U Analytical and Critical Thinking Value Rubric

**Fermanian School of Business
MBA PLO #4 Assessment
2023-2024**

Learning Outcome:

MBA PLO #4: Evaluate the impact of business decisions in a global context.

Outcome Measure:

BUS 6035 International Business – Case Study Analysis

Criteria for Success:

The average total score and the average score for each criterion on the Global Context Rubric will be a 3.0 or higher out of 4.0.

Aligned with DQP Learning Areas (circle one or more but not all five):

1. Specialized Knowledge
2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
4. Applied and Collaborative Learning, and
5. Civic and Global Learning

Longitudinal Data:

Global Context Rubric – Average Student Scores

Semester	N	Perspective	Applying Knowledge	Cultural Diversity	Total
Spring 2017	46	3.07	2.65	2.96	2.89
Summer 2017	28	2.61	2.68	2.54	2.61
Spring 2018	56	2.94	2.38	2.64	2.65
Summer 2018	54	3.17	2.53	2.87	2.97
Spring 2019	80	2.49	2.39	2.52	2.47
Summer 2019	28	2.46	2.36	2.25	2.36
Spring 2020	28	3.24	2.55	3.16	2.98
Summer 2020	30	2.70	2.27	2.73	2.57
Summer 2021	40	3.13	3.35	(1)	3.24
Spring 2022	56	3.82	3.12	(1)	3.47
Summer 2022	40	3.83	3.53	(1)	3.68
Spring 2023	40	3.13	3.00	(1)	3.06

Summer 2023	40	3.58	3.73	(1)	3.65
Spring 2024	42	3.55	3.52	(1)	3.54
Summer 2024	40	3.50	3.63	(1)	3.56

N=number of assessments (2 assessor scores per student)

(1)=Criteria removed from rubric in AY20-21

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

Scores in all rubric criteria areas prior to AY 19-20 are consistently below the criteria for success.

The course content was analyzed in AY 20-21. As a result, the course curriculum was adjusted, and the assignment and rubric were adjusted beginning in Summer 21. The data for AY21-22, AY22-23, and AY23-24 are above the criteria for success in all categories and show improvements in scores across each category. It appears that the changes made to the curriculum, assignment, and rubric have resulted in improved scores.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

As of AY23-24, meeting criteria, the data will continue to be collected and monitored.

Note: As of Fall 2024, BUS 6035 was removed from the MBA core and moved to the Global Business and Leadership Concentration. Thus, this assessment will move from the core to the concentration for AY 24-25.

GLOBAL CONTEXT RUBRIC

Point Loma Nazarene University MBA Program learning outcome #4: Evaluate the impact of business decisions in a global context.

Criteria	Excellent 4	Meets Expectations 3	Needs Improvement 2	Does Not Meet Expectations 1
Perspective Evaluation	Evaluates the differing perspectives of at least 4 of the firm's global stakeholders across all four key issue areas: cultural, social, economic, and environmental – and identifies the most important issues that the firm should address. Carefully describes stakeholder tensions around each of these issues.	Evaluates the differing perspectives of at least 3 of the firm's global stakeholders across at least three of the four key issue areas: cultural, social, economic, and environmental – and identifies the most important issues that the firm should address. Describes stakeholder tensions around each of these issues.	Evaluates the differing perspectives of at least 2 of the firm's global stakeholders across at least two of the four key issue areas: cultural, social, economic, and environmental – and identifies some important issues that the firm should address. Addresses stakeholder tensions around these issues.	Addresses some elements of perspective-taking but either fails to identify key stakeholders, to identify issues across at least two issue areas.
Applying Knowledge to Contemporary Global Business Contexts	Applies knowledge and skills to implement sophisticated, appropriate, and workable solutions to address complex global business problems. Student identifies and addresses 5 of the 7 key focus areas of study.	Applies knowledge and skills to implement sophisticated, appropriate, and workable solutions to address complex global business problems. Student identifies and addresses 4 of the 7 key focus areas of study.	Applies knowledge and skills to implement sophisticated, appropriate, and workable solutions to address complex global business problems. Student identifies and addresses 3 of the 7 key focus areas of study.	Applies knowledge and skills to implement sophisticated, appropriate, and workable solutions to address complex global business problems. Student identifies and addresses less than 2 of the 7 key focus areas of study.

Average Score: _____ (Total/# of criteria)

Note 1: All criteria are weighted equally

Note 2: This rubric was adapted from the AAC&U Global Learning Value Rubric

**Fermanian School of Business
MBA PLO #5 Assessment
2023-2024**

Learning Outcome:

MBA PLO #5: Analyze the ethical impacts of executive-level decision making.

Outcome Measure:

BUS 6017 Business Ethics – Take Your Stand Paper

Criteria for Success:

The average total score and the average score for each criterion on the Ethical Impacts Rubric will be a 3.0 or higher out of 4.0.

Aligned with DQP Learning Areas (circle one or more but not all five):

1. Specialized Knowledge
2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
4. Applied and Collaborative Learning, and
5. Civic and Global Learning

Longitudinal Data:

Ethical Impacts Rubric – Average Student Scores

Semester	N	Issue and Position	Influencing Core Values	Stakeholder Perspective	Application of Theory	Implications	Total
Spring 2017	40	3.63	2.90	3.38	3.10	3.15	3.23
Summer 2017	40	3.23	2.48	2.75	2.68	2.70	2.77
Fall 2017	40	3.15	3.10	3.08	3.03	2.90	3.05
Spring 2018	92	3.24	3.22	3.15	2.99	3.15	3.15
Fall 2018	58	3.75	3.57	3.43	3.07	3.48	3.46
Spring 2019	64	3.37	3.15	3.15	3.09	2.88	3.13
Summer 2019	24	3.33	3.42	3.25	3.54	3.21	3.35
Fall 2019	40	3.45	3.23	3.30	3.10	3.08	3.23
Spring 2020	38	3.63	3.37	3.05	3.21	2.89	3.23
Fall 2020	40	3.53	3.24	3.00	3.21	3.17	3.23
Spring 2021	76	3.01	2.93	2.64	2.76	2.73	2.82
Fall 2021	38	3.32	2.95	3.11	3.55	2.92	3.17
Spring 2022	75	3.43	2.99	3.05	3.15	2.87	3.10
Fall 2022	40	2.65	2.45	2.70	2.38	2.43	2.52
Spring 2023	80	3.13	2.97	2.86	2.85	2.93	2.95
Fall 2023	32	2.81	2.47	2.28	2.25	2.38	2.44
Spring 2024	30	2.87	2.57	2.73	2.43	2.60	2.64

Note: N=number of assessments (2 assessor scores per student)

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

Issue and Position scores exceeded the criteria for success in 14 of the 17 semesters.

Influencing Core Values scores exceeded the criteria for success in 8 of the 17 semesters.

Stakeholder Perspective scores exceeded the criteria for success in 11 of the 17 semesters.

Application of Theory scores exceeded the criteria for success in 10 of the 17 semesters.

Implications scores exceeded the criteria for success in 6 of the 17 semesters.

Influencing Core Values scores and *Implications* have not been met once in the last 7 semesters.

Issue and Position scores have been met in all but 3 of the last 7 semesters.

Stakeholder Perspective and Application of Theory scores have been met in 2 of the last 7 semesters.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

The instructor analyzed the course content in AY 22-23 – particularly in the areas of *Influencing Core Values* and *Identifying Implications*- to determine how to best improve the outcomes in these areas. In Spring 2023, the instructor used expanded instructions to see if scores would improve. While scores did improve, they still did not meet the criteria for success. The content of this course will be redeveloped with the revised MBA curriculum. This feedback will be incorporated into improvements in that course. The revised version of the course launches in Spring 2025. Data will continue to be collected and monitored for improvements.

ETHICAL IMPACTS RUBRIC

Point Loma Nazarene University MBA Program Learning Outcome #5: Analyze the ethical impacts of executive level decision making.

Criteria	Excellent 4	Meets Expectations 3	Needs Improvement 2	Does Not Meet Expectations 1
Issue and Position	Student defines the specific issue/ethical question and articulates a clear and compelling argument for a position/response.	Student defines the specific issue/ethical question and articulates a satisfactory argument for a position/response.	Student defines the specific issue/ethical question and articulates an argument for a position that should be more clear and compelling.	Student is not clear on the specific issue/ethical question being addressed and therefore does not build a compelling position/response.
Influencing Core Values	Student articulates or analyzes, in detail, core beliefs and their origins that are informing a position relative to a specific ethical issue.	Student articulates or analyzes core beliefs and their origins with some detail.	Student articulates core beliefs but is unclear about the origins and provides minimal analysis.	Student is not clear about their core beliefs or the origins of the core beliefs.
Stakeholders and Perspectives	Student clearly defines the various stakeholders impacted by the issue and demonstrates a strong understanding of the perspectives that provide context for ethical decision-making.	Student names the various stakeholders affected by the issue and demonstrate a satisfactory understanding of the perspectives that provide context for ethical decision-making.	Student names the various stakeholders affected by the issue but does not articulate a clear understanding of the perspectives that provide context for ethical decision-making.	Students is not clear about the various stakeholders impacted by the issue and is not clear on the perspectives that provide context for ethical decision-making.
Application of Theory/Hosmer Model	Student accurately identifies the ethical theory or theories utilized (from the Hosmer Model) to make a decision relative to the issue and effectively explains the details of the theory or theories utilized in the decision-making process.	Student accurately identifies the ethical theory or theories utilized (from the Hosmer Model) to make a decision relative to the issue and satisfactorily explains the details of the theory or theories utilized in the decision-making process.	Student identifies ethical theory or theories utilized (from the Hosmer Model) to make a decision relative to the issue, but lacks clarity in the details of the theory or theories utilized in the decision-making process.	Student does not identify the ethical theory or theories utilized (from the Hosmer Model) to make a decision relative to the issue and therefore does not make clear how the theory leads to a decision.
Implications	Student demonstrates a clear and comprehensive understanding of the implications of the ethical decision to the firm and the various named stakeholders.	Student demonstrates a satisfactory understanding of the implications of the ethical decision to the firm and the various named stakeholders.	Student demonstrates minimal understanding of the implications of the ethical decision to the firm and the various named stakeholders.	Student does not demonstrate an understanding of the implications of the ethical decision to the firm and the various named stakeholders.

Average Score: _____ (Total/# of criteria)

Note 1: All criteria are weighted equally

Note 2: This rubric was adapted from the AAC&U Ethical Impacts Value Rubric

**Fermanian School of Business
MBA PLO #6 Assessment
2023-2024**

Learning Outcome:

MBA PLO #6: Present ideas and decisions clearly through effective communication.

Outcome Measure:

Two measures are collected in the capstone BUS6095 course:

1. Final Written Case
2. Article Presentation

Criteria for Success:

1. BUS 6095 Final Written Case: The average total score and the average score for each criterion of the Written Communication Rubric will be a 3.0 or higher out of 4.0.
2. BUS 6095 Article Presentation: The average total score and the average score for each criterion of the Oral Communication Rubric will be a 3.0 or higher out of 4.0.

Aligned with DQP Learning Areas (circle one or more but not all five):

1. Specialized Knowledge
2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
4. Applied and Collaborative Learning, and
5. Civic and Global Learning

Longitudinal Data:

Final Written Case - Written Communication Rubric – Average Student Score:

Semester	N	Context of and Purpose for Writing	Content Development	Genre and Disciplinary Conventions	Sources and Evidence	Control of Syntax and Mechanics	Total
Fall 2016	22	3.27	3.23	3.23	2.77	3.09	3.12
Summer 2017	34	3.30	3.18	2.76	3.21	3.27	3.14
Fall 2017	16	3.25	3.00	2.94	2.69	3.19	3.01
Summer 2018	70	2.57	2.59	2.67	2.24	2.76	2.56
Fall 2018	48	3.13	3.29	3.00	3.22	3.07	3.14
Summer 2019	94	3.09	3.10	3.00	2.79	2.92	2.98
Fall 2019	32	3.06	3.06	3.03	2.88	3.03	3.01
Summer 2020	72	2.83	2.91	2.87	2.71	2.92	2.85
Summer 2021	40	3.35	3.05	2.93	2.83	2.43	2.92
Fall 2021	38	3.17	3.06	3.00	3.47	3.17	3.17
Spring 2022	38	3.18	3.05	3.13	3.16	3.03	3.11
Summer 2022	34	3.19	2.97	3.00	3.06	3.03	3.05

Fall 2022	40	3.25	2.98	3.30	3.30	3.13	3.19
Spring 2023	40	3.23	2.98	3.08	2.83	3.05	3.03
Summer 2023	40	3.28	3.08	3.40	2.70	3.18	3.13
Fall 2023	20	3.00	2.80	2.90	2.85	2.80	2.87
Spring 2024	40	2.93	2.65	2.90	3.17	3.16	2.96

Note: N=number of assessments (2 assessor scores per student)

Final Presentation - Oral Communication Rubric – Average Student Score:

Semester	N	Organization	Language	Delivery	Supporting Material	Central Message	Total
Summer 2017	44	3.30	3.21	3.05	3.23	3.18	3.19
Fall 2017	17	2.94	2.94	2.82	2.94	2.82	2.89
Summer 2018	36	3.33	3.25	3.33	3.19	3.53	3.33
Fall 2018	30	3.19	3.14	2.85	3.33	3.11	3.12
Summer 2019	84	3.53	3.61	3.31	3.13	3.40	3.40
Fall 2019	22	3.33	2.95	3.23	3.00	3.32	3.17
Summer 2020	58	3.43	3.12	3.17	2.98	3.36	3.21
Summer 2021	40	3.43	3.00	3.18	3.28	3.35	3.25
Fall 2021	24	2.83	3.25	3.00	3.33	2.83	3.05
Spring 2022	32	2.84	3.16	3.06	2.88	2.84	2.96
Summer 2022	23	3.04	3.13	2.96	2.83	2.70	2.93
Fall 2022	30	3.30	3.17	2.93	2.90	3.13	3.09
Spring 2023	34	3.24	3.10	3.08	2.93	3.08	3.08
Summer 2023	38	3.26	3.05	2.97	2.88	3.08	3.05
Fall 2023	20	2.95	2.35	2.50	2.90	2.90	2.72
Spring 2024	6	3.50	3.00	3.33	3.83	3.50	3.43

Note: N=number of assessments (2 assessor scores per student)

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

Final Written Case - Written Communication Rubric:

Scores for Summer 2018 are outliers and will be excluded from this analysis.

Context and Purpose for Writing scores have maintained a score above 3.0 for the past eight semesters except for the most recent one, which dropped .07 below.

Content Development scores have only been above the 3.0 threshold for one of the past six semesters. Genre and Disciplinary Conventions dropped slightly below (.01) a 3.0 in the past two semesters but maintained a score above 3.0 for the four semesters before that.

Sources and Evidence have seen a slight improvement in the past two semesters, with the most recent one being over the 3.0 threshold.

Control of Syntax and Mechanics fell just below the 3.0 threshold for the past two semesters.

Final Presentation - Oral Communication Rubric:

Organization has maintained a score above 3.0 for five of the past six semesters.
Language has maintained a score above 3.0 for five of the past six semesters.
Delivery scores have dropped just below the 3.0 threshold for two of the past four semesters.
Supporting Material material has remained just below the 3.0 threshold in the past five semesters except for the most recent one, where it was above the 3.0 threshold.
Central Message has maintained a score above 3.0 for five of the past six semesters.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

Final Written Case - Written Communication Rubric:

Beginning in the Spring of 2019, emphasis was placed on APA and content presentation in the directions and feedback on written assignments in two courses at the beginning of the program, BUS6060 Managing in a Changing Environment and BUS6050 Operational Excellence. Beginning in Fall 2019, all incoming MBA students are required to complete an APA and writing module. This module established a foundation in writing and APA format that faculty can build upon throughout the program. Additionally, high standards for written communication continue to be reiterated across all MBA courses. In addition, instructions for the written assignment were improved for AY 20-21.

Based on the above changes, improvement was expected in AY 19-20 and AY 20-21. While the rubric areas of Context and Purpose for Writing and Content Development are at or near the criteria for success, the areas of Genre and Disciplinary Conventions, Sources and Evidence, and Control of Syntax and Mechanics need additional improvement. During AY 21-22, additional analysis was done to determine how these areas can be further developed throughout the MBA program. Specifically, beginning in Fall 2022, MBA faculty in certain courses with written assignments (including BUS 6095) were required to use the Written Communications rubric to ensure students practice key writing rubric criteria throughout the program.

AY22-23 results indicate that "Sources and Evidence" should be addressed. This was communicated to the MBA professors. The use of the APA module was emphasized with both students and faculty. Faculty teaching in all of the courses were reminded to emphasize the importance of including requirements for APA citations in all papers throughout the program.

A new set of faculty will take over teaching MGT 4088 in Spring 2025, and this information has been communicated to them. We will continue to monitor the results of this assessment as these faculty update the course.

Final Presentation - Oral Communication Rubric:

Beginning in AY 22-23, in BUS6055 Marketing Management, a communications consultant is instructing MBA students on how to make professional presentations and providing an in-depth review of the oral communication rubric with students. Additionally, trained coaches will provide individual feedback based on the rubric to each student making a presentation in BUS6055. Emphasis will be placed on the areas of Organization, Supporting Material, and Central Message. A positive impact from these changes is expected to begin in AY 24-25 due to the relative timing of the BUS6055 course and BUS 6095 course. This area will continue to be monitored.

Additionally, the MBA program was redeveloped and launched in Fall 2024. A new Professional Communication course is included for Early Career students in this program, and there are increased

efforts throughout the program to address professional communication skills. This will continue to be monitored as the new program rolls out.

Finally, an audit of where presentation skills are taught, and assignments that require presentations in all MBA classes will be conducted to better understand where presentation skills are currently highlighted and developed. This will help us determine if additional focus is needed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION RUBRIC

Point Loma Nazarene University MBA Program Learning Outcome #6: Present ideas and decisions clearly through effective communication.

Criteria	Excellent 4	Meets Expectations 3	Needs Improvement 2	Does Not Meet Expectations 1
Context of and Purpose for Writing	Demonstrate 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 task(s) (e.g., begins to show awareness of audience's perceptions and assumptions).	Demonstrates minimal attention to context, audience, purpose and to the assigned task(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.
Genre and Disciplinary Conventions	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; APA format: in-text citations, reference page with 4 references.	Demonstrates consistent use of credible, relevant sources to support ideas that are situated within the discipline and genre of the writing; APA format: in-text citations, reference page with 3 references.	Demonstrates an attempt to use credible and/or relevant sources to support the ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of writing; APA format: in-text citations, reference page with 2 references.	Demonstrates an attempt to use sources to support ideas in the writing; APA format: in-text citations, reference page with 1 references.
Control of Syntax and Mechanics	Uses graceful language that skillfully communicates meaning to readers with clarity and fluency, and has 2 or fewer errors.	Uses straightforward language that generally conveys meaning to readers. The language in the portfolio has up to 4 errors.	Uses language that generally conveys meaning to readers with clarity, although writing may include up to 6 errors.	Uses language that sometimes impedes meaning because of more than 6 errors in usage.

Average Score: _____ (Total/# of criteria)

Note 1: All criteria are weighted equally

Note 2: This rubric was adapted from the AAC&U Written Communication Value Rubric

ORAL COMMUNICATION RUBRIC

Point Loma Nazarene University MBA Program Learning Outcome #6: Present ideas and decisions clearly through effective communication.

Criteria	Excellent 4	Meets Expectations 3	Needs Improvement 2	Does Not Meet Expectations 1
Organization	Organizational pattern (specific introduction and conclusion, sequenced material within the body, and transitions) is clearly and consistently observable and is skillful and makes the content of the presentation cohesive.	Organizational pattern (specific introduction and conclusion, sequenced material within the body, and transitions) is clearly and consistently observable within the presentation.	Organizational pattern (specific introduction and conclusion, sequenced material within the body, and transitions) is intermittently observable within the presentation.	Organizational pattern (specific introduction and conclusion, sequenced material within the body, and transitions) is not observable in the presentation.
Language	Language choices are imaginative, memorable, and compelling, and enhance the effectiveness of the presentation. Language in presentation is appropriate to audience.	Language choices are thoughtful and generally support the effectiveness of the presentation. Language in presentation is appropriate to audience.	Language choices are mundane and commonplace and partially support the effectiveness of the presentation. Language in presentation is appropriate to audience.	Language choices are unclear and minimally support the effectiveness of the presentation. Language in presentation is not appropriate to audience.
Delivery	Delivery techniques (posture, gesture, eye contact, professional dress, and vocal expressions) make the presentation compelling, and speaker appears polished and confident.	Delivery techniques (posture, gesture, eye contact, professional dress, and vocal expressions) make the presentation interesting, and speaker appears comfortable.	Delivery techniques (posture, gesture, eye contact, professional dress, and vocal expressions) make the presentation understandable, and speaker appears tentative.	Delivery techniques (posture, gesture, eye contact, professional dress, and vocal expressions) detract from the understandability of the presentation, and speaker appears uncomfortable.
Supporting Material	A variety of types of supporting materials (explanations, examples, illustrations, statistics, analogies, quotations from relevant authorities) make appropriate reference to information or analysis that significantly supports the presentation or establishes the presenter's credibility/authority on the topic.	Supporting materials (explanations, examples, illustrations, statistics, analogies, quotations from relevant authorities) make appropriate reference to information or analysis that generally supports the presentation or establishes the presenter's credibility/authority on the topic.	Supporting materials (explanations, examples, illustrations, statistics, analogies, quotations from relevant authorities) make appropriate reference to information or analysis that partially supports the presentation or establishes the presenter's credibility/authority on the topic.	Insufficient supporting materials (explanations, examples, illustrations, statistics, analogies, quotations from relevant authorities) make reference to information or analysis that minimally supports the presentation or establishes the presenter's credibility/authority on the topic.
Central Message	Central message is compelling, precisely stated, appropriately repeated, memorable, and strongly supported.	Central message is clear and consistent with the supporting material.	Central message is basically understandable but is not often repeated and is not memorable.	Central message can be deduced, but is not explicitly stated in the presentation.

Average Score: _____ (Total/# of criteria)

Note 1: All criteria are weighted equally

Note 2: This rubric was adapted from the AAC&U Written Communication Value Rubric

Fermanian School of Business
MBA PLO #7 Assessment
2023-2024

Learning Outcome:

MBA PLO #7: Collaborate with others as an effective team member.

Outcome Measure:

BUS6072/BUS6050

1. Everest Simulation Team Performance
2. Everest Simulation Team Effectiveness Score

Criteria for Success:

1. Teams will accomplish an average of 50% of team goals (revised AY 19-20)
2. Teams will average a 4.0 on a 5.0 scale on the Everest Module Team Effectiveness rating.

Aligned with DQP Learning Areas (circle one or more but not all five):

1. Specialized Knowledge
2. Broad Integrative Knowledge
3. Intellectual Skills/Core Competencies
4. Applied and Collaborative Learning, and
5. Civic and Global Learning

Longitudinal Data:

Everest Simulation Team Performance Results:

Semester	N ¹	Team Goals Achieved
Summer 2019	20	54%
Spring 2020	19	44%
Summer 2020	29	53%
Spring 2021	28	43%
Summer 2021	24	47%
Fall 2021	28	45%
Spring 2022	18	46%
Fall 2022	8	72%
Fall 2023	12	84.5%
Spring 2024	18	69.3%

Everest Simulation Team Evaluation Results:

Semester	N ¹	Team Effectiveness
Summer 2019	20	4.29
Spring 2020	19	4.37
Summer 2020	29	3.78
Spring 2021	28	4.26
Summer 2021	24	3.96
Fall 2021	28	4.16
Spring 2022	18	3.79
Fall 2022	8	4.48
Fall 2023	12	4.61
Spring 2024	18	3.57

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

Team Performance results have exceeded the criteria for success in the past 3 semesters.

Team Effectiveness results have exceeded the criteria for success in 6 out of the 10 periods.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

The course in which this PLO was assessed, BUS 6072, was eliminated from the MBA core curriculum in AY21-22. It was moved in AY22-23 to BUS 6050. Due to the MBA program revisions, starting in Spring 2025, this assessment was moved to BUS 6095. Data will continue to be collected and evaluated in that context. No further changes are required at this time.