Information Systems Assessment Report 2023-24

Information Systems Program Learning Outcomes

- 1. Students will be able to write correct and robust software.
- 2. Students will analyze the interaction between hardware and software.
- 3. Students will demonstrate general knowledge of theories and practices in the core areas of business.
- 4. Students will critically analyze and apply business knowledge to solve complex business situations.
- 5. Students will be able to apply their technical knowledge and critical thinking to solve problems.
- 6. Students will demonstrate effective business communication through both written and verbal means.
 - Students will be able to speak about their work with precision, clarity and organization.
 - Students will be able to write about their work with precision, clarity and organization.
 - Students will be able to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively and responsibly use and cite information for the task at hand.
- 7. Students will collaborate effectively in teams.
- 8. Students will be able to understand and create arguments supported by quantitative evidence.
- 9. Students will formulate business decisions informed by ethical attitudes and values.
- 10. Students will understand the professional, ethical and social issues and responsibilities with the implementation and use of technology.

Learning Outcome: Students will be able to write correct and robust software.

Outcome Measure: Annual: CSC2054 Signature Assignment. This assessment has switched to being in CSC2052 which is the first half of CSC2054. This will enable us to capture this outcome for mathematics and data science majors.

Criteria for Success: 80% of the students should have an average score of at least 2 in each of the major areas.

Longitudinal Data:

		Percentage of Class at 2 or Higher												
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20*	2020-21**	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24				
Runtime Correctness	100%	62%	72%	95%	60%	45%	42%	19%	61%	37%				
Problem Solving	75%	92%	83%	80%	85%	70%	78%	69%	96%	91%				

^{*}Note that the instrument was changed in 2019.

Conclusions Drawn from Data: The students find the run-time correctness the most challenging. This is because this is the area of programming that is the most detail oriented. The instrument was changed in 2019. In 2021 we began assessing in CSC2052 rather than CSC2054 which is the midpoint in the class for computer science students (CSC2052 is cross listed with CSC2054 and is the first quad of CSC2054) but the end of the class for information systems, mathematics and data science students. We are still seeing challenges with runtime correctness.

Changes to be Made Based on Data: Continue to emphasize the need to carefully de-bug computer code during development. The rubric was modified to clarify the definition of run-time correctness which has made scoring simpler (Fall 2017). To capture the data for students in mathematics, data science, and information systems, we have moved the assessment to the mid-term point in the semester (see explanation above). The scores improved as we moved past the pandemic, but we are still seeing challenges. We have made some curricular changes and will monitor if the scores are improving.

^{**}Note that 2020 was a fully remote semester due to COVID.

CSC 2054 Signature Assignment

	Unsatisfactory (1)	Satisfactory (2)	Good (3)	Excellent (4)
Runtime Correctness	Less than 60% correct	Between 60% – 79% correctness	• 80% - 89% correct	• 90% – 100% correct
Problem Solving	Analysis of program source code indicates that program is NOT close to working, and could NOT easily be modified to work given additional time.	Analysis of program source code indicates that the student partially understands the problem solution or understands the solution but could not efficiently translate the solution to C++ code.	Analysis of program source code indicates that program is close to working, and could be modified to work given additional time.	All tasks execute correctly indicating that the code is both correct and robust (can catch user input errors).

Criterion: 80% of students will average 2 in Runtime Correctness and Problem Solving.

Learning Outcome: Students will analyze the interaction between hardware and software.

Outcome Measure: Annual (CS and IS): CSC3014 Signature Assignment.

Criteria for Success: CSC3014 Assignment: 75% of the students should have an average score

of at least 7.

Longitudinal Data:

				Percentage of Class at 7 or Higher											
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24					
Hardware/software interaction understanding	92%	88%	75%	69%	100%	92%	44%	62%	59%	64%					

Conclusions Drawn from Data: There is some variation in the data and some of it appears to be related to sample size. However, in 2020-21 the score dropped significantly. This could be due to this assessment being part of a final exam given in the Spring of 2021 during the COVID pandemic. Students were very tired and this score may be an indication of that fact as much as an indication of their knowledge. The scores improved in 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 but are still lagging behind historical values.

Changes to be Made Based on Data: Continue to require operating systems (CSC3014) of all CS and IS students. The 2022-23 assessment was changed and we have an analysis by question for both spring 2023 and spring 2024. This will help us to better understand patterns of what is being missed. In spring 2023 there were two questions that were missed by at least 75% of the students, the 2024 data is not showing the same pattern, but we need to continue to dig into the question by question analysis of the data.

Rubric Used (CSC3014): The scoring for this assignment is purely points based.

Learning Outcome:

MICS PLO#3/ FSB PLO #1: Exhibit general knowledge of theories and practices in the core areas of business.

Outcome Measure:

Peregrine Comprehensive Exit Exam Results

Criteria for Success:

Score at or above the following:

Peregrine Undergraduat Comprehensive Exit Exa Criteria for Success	
Disciplinary Area	Score
Accounting	50
Business Ethics	50
Business Finance	50
Strategic Management	55
Business Leadership	55
Economics (Macro/Micro)	52.5
Global Dimensions of Business	50
Information Mgt Systems	50
Legal Environment of Business	55
Management (OPS, HR, OB)	55
Marketing	57.5
Quantitative Techniques/Stats	45

Longitudinal Data:

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Criteria for Success		50	50	45	55	50	50	45	50	50	55	50	45	
Criteria for Success as of 21-22		50	50	50	55	55	52.5	50	50	55	55	57.5	45	
2016-2017	50.2	54.6	48.3	48.5	54.9	47.9	52.2	44.8	53.6	49.1	51.0	49.6	47.1	
2017-2018	49.8	53.9	47.1	49.8	51.5	48.9	50.1	45.6	51.9	51.5	50.9	53.3	43.5	
2018-2019	51.1	50.9	48.6	46.4	54.9	54.0	52.3	48.0	50.1	55.2	50.3	55.2	47.4	
2019-2020	51.2	50.7	52.1	47.6	54.3	52.3	53.3	48.0	51.3	53.1	49.1	55.6	46.8	
2020-2021	52.8	48.7	51.4	51.3	56.9	55.0	53.7	49.7	51.9	56.1	51.6	60.2	46.7	
2021-2022	50.1	46.4	51.2	47.9	53.9	50.6	50.0	47.9	49.2	51.2	50.6	56.5	45.7	
2022-2023	50.3	47.4	51.6	46.8	56.7	51.2	49.9	47.5	49.9	50.7	50.4	56.8	45.3	
2023-2024	52.2	47.0	55.2	48.9	55.2	58.0	52.8	48.0	52.7	52.0	50.4	56.7	49.9	

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

It is important to note that PLNU's methodology of administering the Peregrine Comprehensive Exam is proctored, and students are given a two-hour time limit to complete the test. According to Peregrine, most schools that administer the Peregrine Comprehensive Exam do so in an unproctored format with time limits of up to 48 hours. Therefore, criteria for success were determined considering (a) the average total score and average disciplinary area scores of National and Region 7 ACBSP schools, (b) the FSB's undergraduate curriculum, and (c) the FSB's historical disciplinary area scores. Beginning AY 21-22, the criteria for success were increased in seven of the twelve areas: Finance, Strategic Management, Business Leadership, Economics, Global, Legal Environment, and Marketing, as detailed in the above schedule.

During AY 16-17, the criteria for success were exceeded for five of the twelve disciplinary areas. Scores in the areas of Strategic Management and Global Dimensions of Business were slightly below (within 0.2 points) the criteria for success. Scores in the remaining five areas were below the criteria for success, including Business Ethics, Business Leadership, Legal Environment of Business, Management, and Marketing, as indicated in the table above.

During AY 17-18, the criteria for success were exceeded for seven of the twelve disciplinary areas. Scores in the areas of Business Leadership and Quantitative Techniques and Statistics were slightly below (within 1.5 points) the criteria for success. Scores in the remaining three areas, including business ethics, strategic management, and management, were below the criteria for success.

During AY 18-19, the criteria for success were exceeded for nine of the twelve disciplinary areas. The average score in the area of Strategic Management was 0.1 points below the criteria for success. The average score in the area of Business Ethics was slightly below (within 1.4 points) the criteria for success. The average score in the area of Management was 4.7 points below the criteria for success.

During AY 19-20, the criteria for success were exceeded for ten of the twelve disciplinary areas. The average score in the area of Strategic Management was 0.7 points below the criteria for success. The average score in the area of Management was 5.9 points below the criteria for success.

During AY 20-21, the criteria for success were exceeded for ten of the twelve disciplinary areas. The average score in the area of Accounting was 1.3 points below the criteria for success. The average score in the area of Management was 3.4 points below the criteria for success.

During AY 21-22, the criteria for success (revised as of AY 21-22) were exceeded for two of the twelve disciplinary areas. For seven of the ten areas that did not meet the new criteria for success in AY 21-22 (Finance, Strategic Management, Leadership, Economics, Information Systems, Legal Environment, and Marketing), the new criteria for success were met in AY 20-21. The three areas that did not meet the revised criteria for success in AY 21-22 and AY 20-21 were Accounting, Management, and Global. The average score in the area of Accounting was 3.6 and 1.3 points below the revised criteria for success in AY 21-22 and AY 20-21, respectively. The average score in the area of Management was 4.6 and 3.4 points below the revised criteria for success in AY 21-22 and AY 20-21, respectively. The average score in the area of Global was 2.1 and 0.3 points below the revised criteria for success in AY 21-22 and AY 20-21, respectively.

During AY 22-23, the criteria for success were exceeded for three of the twelve disciplinary areas - Business Ethics, Strategic Management, and Quantitative Techniques/Statistics. In the areas of Accounting, Business Leadership, Information Management Systems, and Marketing, despite the criteria for success not being met, increases in scores from AY 21-22 were seen. Information Management Systems is very close to meeting the criteria for success, being off only 0.1. Additionally, Economics (Macro/Micro), Global Dimensions of Business, Legal Environment of Business, and Management have almost the same scores as in AY 21-22. Business Finance has decreased consistently since AY 2020-2021, by 3.4 points from AY 2020-2021 to AY 2021-2022 and another 1.10 points from AY 2021-2022 to AY 2022-2023. Overall, Accounting, Business Finance, and Global Dimensions of Business are well below the criteria for success.

During AY 23-24, the criteria for success were exceeded for six of the twelve disciplinary areas - Business Ethics, Strategic Management, Business Leadership, Economics, Information Management Systems, and Quantitative Techniques. In the areas of Finance, Global Dimensions of Business, and Legal Environment of Business, despite the criteria for success not being met, increases in scores from AY 22-23 were seen. The remaining three areas - Accounting, Marketing, and Management - all had scores very similar to the prior year and have remained consistent over the past several years.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

Management has been recognized as an area needing improvement for several years. Scores in this area have been consistently below the criteria for success. Prior analysis regarding course content and related changes have been made in prior years. In AY 24-25, a task force of management professors has been brought together to evaluate and recommend changes to the management curriculum. There has also been a turnover in faculty teaching MGT 2012. These changes will take several years to go into effect, and this area will continue to be closely monitored.

Accounting has been trending downward over the last seven years and is below the criteria for success since AY 20-21. Beginning in Fall 2023, the course curriculum for the accounting program was changed tconform with the new AICPA Standards. The related PLOs were also revised to reflect the new curriculum. It will take a few years for these changes to be seen in exam scores. As such, no additional changes are recommended at this time.

All other disciplines either met the criteria for success, improved since the prior year, or are very close to meeting the criteria for success. Thus, no additional changes are recommended at this time, and data will continue to be monitored.

Rubric:

This is an exam.

Learning Outcome: Learning Outcome:

MICS PLO#4/FSB PLO #2: Critically analyze and apply business knowledge to solve complex business situations.

Outcome Measure:

The CAPSIM Inbox GM Simulation provides comparative data on how each student performs against all other students taking the simulation at the same time nationally. The following result is used:

1. CAPSIM Inbox GM Simulation Results - Overall Score

Criteria for Success:

1. Average score of all students will be above 45th percentile on the national CAPSIM Inbox GM Simulation Results

Longitudinal Data:

Semester	N¹		Inbox GM Simulatio n Results (%)
Fall 2021	27	45	
Spring 2022	79	50	
Fall 2022	56	48	
Spring 2023	77	37	
Fall 2023	50	47	
Spring 2024	65	42	

¹ Number of Students Completing Module

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

The measures described above were implemented in the MGT 4088 course beginning Fall 2021. Criteria for success were set at 45 in AY 22-23. Criteria for success were met in four of the six semesters evaluated but fell short in Spring 2023 and Spring 2024.

The analysis identified that students are not spending ample time on the assignment.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

A new professor is teaching MGT 4088 beginning in AY2023-24. This professor has been instructed to emphasize the importance of this assignment. The professor is also looking into revising the assignment in the future. No changes will be made at this time. Data will continue to be collected and mStudents will be able to apply their technical knowledge and critical thinking to solve problems.

Rubric:

Part of simulation

Learning Outcome: Students will be able to apply their technical knowledge and critical thinking to solve problems.

Outcome Measure: Alternating Year: ISS4014 Signature Assignment using data bases.

Previous: ETS Proficiency Profile: Critical Thinking/Reading Portion.

Criteria for Success: 80% of the students should have an average score of at least 2.5 in each of the major areas.

Previous: ETS PP: 85% of the students will be marginal or proficient at Level 2 Reading/Critical Thinking.

Longitudinal Data:

			Percentage	of Class at 2	.5 or Higher				
2011-12 2013-14 2015-16 2017-18 2019-20 2021-22 2									
Relevant Information Chosen	100%	100%	88%	89%	88%	76%	88%		
Query Correctness	25%	100%	48%	41%	83%	82%	79%		

Previous:

			Percen	tage of Stu	idents Mar	ginal or Pro	oficient							
ETS Proficiency Profile	2013-14	2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22												
ETS Proficiency Profile Level 2 Critical Thinking	92%	100%	84%	92%	76%	79%	80%	88%	79%					

Conclusions Drawn from Data: ISS4014 Assignment: The 2012 class was relatively small and that led to a fairly large standard deviation. Seventy-five percent of the class would have passed query correctness if the benchmark had been 2.3. We once again saw some problems with query correctness in 2015-16 and in 2017-18. In both cases, had the threshold for success been lowered slightly (2 vs 2.5), many more students would have succeeded. In 2019-20 the assignment was modified a bit to be clearer for students and we saw a marked improvement in scores both in 2019-20 and 2021-22 and the students have continues that improvement in 2023-24.

Changes to be Made Based on Data: Spend more time in class emphasizing queries. This class is being revised in light of some curricular changes. The signature was updated in 2019-20 based on the review of content. Because the ETS exam is measuring critical reading skills, the department believes that we would be better served by using our home-grown assessment to measure students critical thinking ability in information systems.

Rubric Used

	Unsatisfactory (1)	Satisfactory (2)	Good (3)	Excellent (4)
Recognition of relevant information	3 errors (an error is defined as missing a relevant database field or listing an irrelevant field)	2 errors (an error is defined as missing a relevant database field or listing an irrelevant field)	1 error (an error is defined as missing a relevant database field or listing an irrelevant field)	All relevant database fields are listed and no irrelevant fields are listed for both queries
Query correctness	3 mistakes in the 2 queries	2 mistakes in the 2 queries	1 mistake in the 2 queries	No mistakes in the two queries

Learning Outcome: Students will be able to speak about their work with precision, clarity and organization (Oral Communication).

Outcome Measure: Annual: Each student will be required to give an oral presentation on a topic in their field as a part of their participation in the Senior Seminar. The audience for this talk will include department faculty, fellow students and possibly some alumni. The students will be given the evaluation criteria in advance of their presentation and will be rated by the faculty using a rubric with a scale of 4 (outstanding) to 1 (unsatisfactory) in the following areas:

- Command of background material
- Organization
- Oral presentation skills (added as part of the new rubric in the spring of 2010)
- Use of presentation tools
- Ability to field questions from the audience

Criteria for Success: 80% of the students should have an average score of at least 2.5 in each of the major areas in the department rubric.

Longitudinal Data:

Oral Presentation	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Background	100%	95%	100%	100%	95%	100%	100%	95%	100%	100%
Organization	100%	100%	92%	94%	100%	100%	94%	100%	94%	100%
Oral Presentation Skills	100%	95%	100%	100%	95%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Presentation Tools	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Ability to Field Questions	89%	100%	100%	100%	94%	94%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Conclusions Drawn from Data: In general, the students have been performing reasonably well in the area of giving oral presentations. We attribute this to the fact that we intentionally have students presenting technical material in front of others starting in their freshman year.

Changes to be Made Based on Data: Over time we have increased our standards and expanded the rubric to increase clarity for students and to push them to speak at a professional level.

Oral Presentation Rubric Update (4/12/17)

Criteria	Outstanding	High Satisfactory	Low Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
	Clearly knows material and key facts by memory	Clearly knows key facts with a few memory slips	Reads some information; knows some facts from memory	Reads sentences from slides
Command of background material	Expands on PPT slides	Some expansion on PPT slides	No expansion on PPT slide content	Dependent on notes
Comma backgro material	Content appropriate for audience	Partial audience adaptation of content	Little audience adaptation of content	Lacks audience adaptation of content
	Clear and concise outline	Clear outline	Some sense of outline	No clear outline
Organization	Relevant graphics and key text items on slides	Too much information on slides (not concise)	Too much detailed information on slides	Slides are in paragraphs; too much detailed information on one slide
Organ	Presentation is between 10-15 minutes	Presentation 1 minute outside of the range (10-15 minutes)	Presentation 2 minutes outside of the range (10-15 minutes)	Presentation 3 minutes outside of the range (10-15 minutes)
	Clearly has practiced several times; smooth transitions	Has practiced but transitions are not smooth	Has practiced presentation but cannot verbally make transitions between slides	Clearly did not practice presentation; Does not anticipate content of next slide
	Engages audience in content multiple times and engagement is well connected to talk (questions, examples, etc.)	Engages audience at least twice in content (questions, examples, etc.)	Audience engagement at least once with content (questions, examples, etc.)	No audience involvement
<u>o</u>	Free of disfluencies (ah, uhm)	A few disfluencies (ah, umh, er)	Many disfluencies (ah, umh, er)	Disfluencies (ah, umh, er) detract from presentation
ation skills	Is clearly heard in the room and uses inflection for emphasis	Can be understood most of the time and uses some inflection	Can sometimes be understood and uses little inflection	Can not be heard and/or speaks in a monotone
presentation	Engages audience through eye contact	Some engagement of audience through eye contact	Infrequent eye contact	Little audience awareness or eye contact
Oral	Engages audience through gestures	Some engagement of audience through gestures	Distracting gestures or mannerisms	Frequent distracting gestures or mannerisms
tion tools	PPT background is matched to content, legible font, seamless transitions	Appropriate PPT slide backgrounds, transitions & font	Distracting PPT slide backgrounds and transitions, font hard to read	No attention given to PPT slide backgrounds and transitions, font illegible
Use of presentation	Graphics imbedded and matched to topic, necessary hyperlinks work	Most graphics imbedded and matched to topic, most necessary hyperlinks work	Some inappropriate graphics or use of PPT embellishments, necessary hyperlinks don't work	Distracting use of embellishments, graphics not connected to topic
Ability to field questions	Able to answer questions clearly and without hesitation and prepared material to answer anticipated questions	Can answer all questions with some hesitation	Able to answer half of the questions with hesitation	Unable to answer any questions

Learning Outcome: Students will be able to write about their work with precision, clarity and organization (Written Communication).

Outcome Measure: Annual: Each student will be required to write a paper on a topic in their field as a part of their participation in the Senior Seminar. The audience for this talk will include department faculty, fellow students and possibly some alumni. The students will be given the evaluation criteria in advance of their presentation and will be rated by the faculty using a rubric with a scale of 4 (outstanding) to 1 (unsatisfactory) in the following areas:

- Bibliography and other supporting documentation
- Organization
- Grammar and spelling
- Depth of information
- Clarity of writing

Criteria for Success: 80% of the students should have an average score of at least 2.5 in each of the major areas in the department rubric.

Longitudinal Data:

Written Report	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Bibliography and Support	100%	89%	100%	76%	89%	81%	88%	58%	81%	69%
Organization	100%	100%	92%	94%	100%	100%	100%	100%	88%	85%
Grammar and Spelling	89%	84%	100%	88%	94%	94%	94%	89%	88%	92%
Depth of Information	78%	89%	85%	76%	83%	94%	94%	95%	94%	62%
Clarity of Writing	78%	89%	85%	88%	94%	88%	100%	89%	94%	85%

Conclusions Drawn from Data: In general, the students have been performing reasonably well in writing technical reports. We saw some weakness in both references/support and depth of the information in the papers this year. However, the sample size was 13, so the "miss" of the benchmark is the performance of 2-3 students.

Changes to be Made Based on Data: Over time we have increased our standards and expanded the rubric to increase clarity for students and to push them to write at a professional level. The current rubric has been in use for the last 11 years. We have instituted more formal faculty reviews of their draft papers and are trying to give more specific feedback, particularly about the use of references and that seems to be helping with the quality of the papers. We saw some return to weakness in the use of references (and the corresponding depth of coverage) this year. We need to discuss what happened as a department, but we think that it may have come from students not following through in meeting with their faculty advisor as frequently as expected. The information literacy data below provides some more in-depth information about at least part of the source of the problem.

MICS Written Presentation Rubric (12/31/22)

Criteria	Outstanding	High Satisfactory		Low Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
hy and	Multiple references from distinct reputable sources	Most references from distinct reputable sources		Some references from reputable sources	No bibliography or all references from untrusted sites on the internet
Bibliography a supporting documents	References cited in the body of the document	Some citation of references in the body of the document		Limited citation of references in the body of the document	No citation of references in the body of the document
	Conveys a central theme with all ideas connected, arrangement of ideas clearly related to topic	Conveys a central idea or topic with some ideas connected to the topic		Attempts to focus on an idea or topic with many ideas not connected to the topic	Has little or no focus on central idea or topic
Ē	Clear introduction, body (with sections), and conclusion includes summary and closure	Includes introduction, body and conclusion		Introduction, body, conclusion detectable but not clear	Introduction, body or conclusion absent
Organization	Includes both an abstract and table of contents	Includes abstract and table of contents (one partial and one complete)		Includes partial abstract and partial table of contents	No abstract or table of contents
	No use of first-person tense	Few uses of the first-person tense		Several uses of the first-person tense	Written in first-person tense
Grammar and spelling	No grammatical or spelling errors	Few grammatical and spelling errors		Some grammatical and spelling errors	Many grammatical and spelling errors
	Highly accurate and substantive content	Content is accurate, though key concepts are missing		Content is flawed, and/or a significant number of key concepts are missing	Content is significantly flawed and/or content is trivial
tion	Appropriately synthesizes information from multiple distinct sources	Synthesis of information from at least three distinct sources		Synthesis of information from at least two distinct sources	Summary reporting of information without synthesis
informa	Draws conclusions and personal insights from synthesis	At least two personal insights or conclusions stated		At least one personal insight or conclusion stated	No personal insights
Depth of information	Has the minimum number of pages including penalty pages; subject coverage is excellent	Has the minimum number of pages including penalty pages; subject coverage is good		Has the minimum number of pages including penalty pages; subject coverage is adequate	Does not have the minimum number of pages including penalty pages
	Sentences flow	Good sentence structure		Occasional poor sentence structure	Frequent poor sentence structure
Вu	Smooth transitions between paragraphs	Adequate transitions between paragraphs		Transitions between paragraphs unclear	Lacked transitions between paragraphs
Clarity of writing	Any and all terms and acronyms are defined	Most terms and acronyms are defined		Some terms and acronyms are defined	Many terms and acronyms are undefined
Clarity	Provides evidence to support points	Lacks support for some points		Provides minimal support for points	Ideas not supported

Learning Outcome: Students will be able to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively and responsibly use and cite information for the task at hand (Information Literacy).

Outcome Measure: Annual: Each student will be required to write a paper on a topic in their field as a part of their participation in the Senior Seminar. The audience for this talk will include department faculty, fellow students and possibly some alumni. The students will be given the evaluation criteria in advance and their paper will be rated by the faculty using a rubric with a scale of 4 (outstanding) to 1 (unsatisfactory) in the following areas:

- References: Multiple references from distinct reputable sources
- Citation: References cited in the body of the document
- Synthesis: Appropriately synthesizes information from multiple distinct sources

Criteria for Success: 80% of the students should have an average score of at least 2.5 in each of the major areas.

Longitudinal Data:

		Percentage of Students at 2.5 or Higher									
Information Literacy	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24		
References	95%	100%	71%	89%	81%	94%	74%	81%	69%		
Citation	84%	92%	76%	89%	81%	88%	74%	75%	69%		
Synthesis	84%	85%	82%	78%	81%	94%	95%	81%	92%		

Conclusions Drawn from Data: The students are generally meeting our expectations. This is still one of the areas with which the students have some challenges particularly with citation. We saw a dip in performance in 2023-24 but the sample size was 13, so if two fewer students had done a better job, the target would have been met.

Changes to be Made Based on Data: We found that we needed to be very specific about our expectations for the use and citation of information in papers. We continue to work with students in giving them clear feedback about the need to do a better job with references in technical papers. We plan on having some conversation in the department about what is happening with students gathering references and making use of them in their paper.

Rubric: Next Page.

MICS Written Presentation Rubric (12/31/22)

Criteria	Outstanding	High Satisfactory	Low Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
hy and	Multiple references from distinct reputable sources	Most references from distinct reputable sources	Some references from reputable sources	No bibliography or all references from untrusted sites on the internet
Bibliography and supporting documents	References cited in the body of the document	Some citation of references in the body of the document	Limited citation of references in the body of the document	No citation of references in the body of the document
	Conveys a central theme with all ideas connected, arrangement of ideas clearly related to topic	Conveys a central idea or topic with some ideas connected to the topic	Attempts to focus on an idea or topic with many ideas not connected to the topic	Has little or no focus on central idea or topic
Ę	Clear introduction, body (with sections), and conclusion includes summary and closure	Includes introduction, body and conclusion	Introduction, body, conclusion detectable but not clear	Introduction, body or conclusion absent
Organization	Includes both an abstract and table of contents	Includes abstract and table of contents (one partial and one complete)	Includes partial abstract and partial table of contents	No abstract or table of contents
	No use of first-person tense	Few uses of the first-person tense	Several uses of the first-person tense	Written in first-person tense
Grammar and spelling	No grammatical or spelling errors	Few grammatical and spelling errors	Some grammatical and spelling errors	Many grammatical and spelling errors
	Highly accurate and substantive content	Content is accurate, though key concepts are missing	Content is flawed, and/or a significant number of key concepts are missing	Content is significantly flawed and/or content is trivial
tion	Appropriately synthesizes information from multiple distinct sources	Synthesis of information from at least three distinct sources	Synthesis of information from at least two distinct sources	Summary reporting of information without synthesis
informal	Draws conclusions and personal insights from synthesis	At least two personal insights or conclusions stated	At least one personal insight or conclusion stated	No personal insights
Depth of information	Has the minimum number of pages including penalty pages; subject coverage is excellent	Has the minimum number of pages including penalty pages; subject coverage is good	Has the minimum number of pages including penalty pages; subject coverage is adequate	Does not have the minimum number of pages including penalty pages
	Sentences flow	Good sentence structure	Occasional poor sentence structure	Frequent poor sentence structure
ри	Smooth transitions between paragraphs	Adequate transitions between paragraphs	Transitions between paragraphs unclear	Lacked transitions between paragraphs
Clarity of writing	Any and all terms and acronyms are defined	Most terms and acronyms are defined	Some terms and acronyms are defined	Many terms and acronyms are undefined
Clarity	Provides evidence to support points	Lacks support for some points	Provides minimal support for points	Ideas not supported

Learning Outcome: Students will collaborate effectively in teams.

Outcome Measure: Alternating year: CSC324 Signature Assignment – evaluation of group while working on a project (before 2015-16) and ISS3042 Project Management – evaluation of group while working on a project (2016-17 and beyond).

Criteria for Success: 80% of the students should have an average score of at least 2.5 in each of the major areas.

Longitudinal Data:

	Percent of students with average at least 2.5							
	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall	Fall		
	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022		
	CSC324	CSC324	ISS3042	ISS3042	ISS3042	ISS3042		
Contributes to team meetings	86%	80%	90%	100%	100%	100%		
Encourages team members	93%	84%	N/A	100%	100%	100%		
Contributes individually outside of team meetings	93%	88%	86%	100%	100%	100%		
Attitude	100%	96%	N/A	100%	100%	100%		
Fosters constructive team climate	100%	92%	N/A	100%	100%	100%		
Responds to conflict	100%	100%	90%	100%	100%	100%		

Conclusions Drawn from Data: The students are performing well as members of teams. This will next be assessed in fall of 2024.

Changes to be Made Based on Data: Continue to make use of group activities throughout the curriculum.

MICS Teamwork Rubric

Definition

Teamwork is behaviors under the control of individual team members (effort they put into team tasks, their manner of interacting with others on team, and the quantity and quality of contributions they make to team discussions).

Evaluators are encouraged to assign a zero to any work sample or collection of work that does not meet unsatisfactory (cell one) level performance.

The purpose of this is to evaluate individual team members. Although no team member will ever see your evaluation of them, please take it seriously.

Directions:

- Do not put your own name anywhere on this form, the evaluations are to be anonymous.
- Please fill out one copy of this form for every person who was on your team, including one for yourself.
- For each row, place a checkmark in the box that best describes your teammate's performance.

	Outstanding	High Satisfactory	Low Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Contributes to	☐ Helps the team move	☐ Offers new suggestions	☐ Shares ideas but does not	☐ Sits quietly in team
team meetings	forward by articulating the	to advance the work of the	advance the work of the	meetings and does not
	merits of alternative ideas or	group.	group.	contribute.
	proposals.			
Encourages	☐ Actively seeks to find	☐ Offers encouragement to	☐ Offers words of	☐ Does not offer word of
members of the	opportunities to encourage	all members of the team.	encouragement to friends.	encouragement to anyone.
team	all members of the team.			
Individual	☐ Completes all assigned	☐ Completes all assigned	☐ Completes all assigned	☐ Does not complete all
contributions	tasks by deadline; work	tasks by deadline; work	tasks by deadline.	assigned tasks by deadline.
outside of team	accomplished is thorough.	accomplished is thorough.		
meetings	Proactively helps other team			
	members complete their			
	assigned tasks.			
Attitude	□ Demonstrates	□ Demonstrates	□ Demonstrates	□ Demonstrates
	(comments, facial	(comments, facial	(comments, facial	(comments, facial
	expressions, etc.) a negative	expressions, etc.) a negative	expressions, etc.) a negative	expressions, etc.) a negative
	attitude rarely and helps	attitude rarely.	attitude less often than a	attitude more often than a
	others to become more		positive attitude.	positive attitude.
	positive.			

Fosters constructive team climate	☐ Supports a constructive team climate by doing <u>all of the following</u> :	□ Supports a constructive team climate by doing any two of the following:	☐ Supports a constructive team climate by doing any one of the following:	☐ Supports a constructive team climate by doing none of the following:
	 Treats team members respectfully by being polite and constructive in communication. Uses positive vocal or written tone, facial expressions, and/or body language to convey a positive attitude about the team and its work. Motivates teammates by expressing confidence about the importance of the task and the team's ability to accomplish it. 	 Treats team members respectfully by being polite and constructive in communication. Uses positive vocal or written tone, facial expressions, and/or body language to convey a positive attitude about the team and its work. Motivates teammates by expressing confidence about the importance of the task and the team's ability to accomplish it. 	 Treats team members respectfully by being polite and constructive in communication. Uses positive vocal or written tone, facial expressions, and/or body language to convey a positive attitude about the team and its work. Motivates teammates by expressing confidence about the importance of the task and the team's ability to accomplish it. 	 Treats team members respectfully by being polite and constructive in communication. Uses positive vocal or written tone, facial expressions, and/or body language to convey a positive attitude about the team and its work. Motivates teammates by expressing confidence about the importance of the task and the team's ability to accomplish it.
Responds to conflict	☐ Identifies and acknowledges conflict and acknowledges that relationships can be damaged. Seeks to restore relationships.	☐ Identifies and acknowledges conflict and acknowledges that relationships can be damaged.	☐ Identifies and acknowledges conflict but will not acknowledge that relationships can be damaged.	☐ Will not acknowledge that conflict has occurred or that relationships can be damaged.

Learning Outcome: Students will be able to understand and create arguments supported by quantitative evidence (Quantitative Reasoning).

Outcome Measure: Annual: MTH3083 Mathematical Probability and Statistics Signature Assignment (Math and Data Science Majors). Alternating Year: ISS4014 Database and Web Signature Assignment (CS and IS Majors).

Previous: Annual: Each student will participate in the ETS Proficiency Profile exam.

Criteria for Success: 80% of the students will score a 2 or higher on the 5-point rubric for MTH3083 and 2.5 or higher on the 4-point rubric for ISS4014

Previous: 90% of the students will be Marginal or Proficient at Level 2.

Longitudinal Data:

ISS4014:

	Percentage of Class at 2.5 or Higher								
	2011-12	2013-14	2015-16	2017-18	2019-20	2021-22	2023-24		
Relevant Information Chosen	100%	100%	88%	89%	88%	76%	88%		
Query Correctness 25% 100% 48% 41% 83% 82% 7%									

MTH3083:

	MTH3083 Percentage of the Class with Average Score of 2 or Higher		
	2022-23 2023-24		
Students will be able to formulate a mathematical model from a verbal description of a problem.	100%	75%	
Students will be able to construct solutions to problems using computational techniques.	100%	67%	
Students will be able to interpret visual data.	20%	50%	

Previous:

		Percentage of Students Marginal or Proficient								
ETS Proficiency Profile	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
ETS Proficiency Profile Level 2 Mathematics	100%	100%	100%	100%	92%	82%	95%	93%	81%	90%

Conclusions Drawn from Data: Students are in general meeting our criteria. The variation often comes down to a single student because of small sample sizes. The Spring of 2021 was during COVID and students were exhausted by the time that they took the ETS exam, so this may explain the lower score for that year. In spring of 2023 we pilot tested the new assessment in MTH3083 and the results were mixed. We repeated it in 2024 and still have mixed results.

Changes to be Made Based on Data: We do not believe that the ETS exam is accurately measuring student quantitative ability in the department disciplines. Starting the 2022-23 academic year we will be measuring quantitative reasoning in the following classes: Computer Science and Information Systems: ISS4014 Data Base Systems and Web Integration. We are making use of an ongoing assessment so have past values that have been inserted here. For Mathematics and Data Science: MTH3083 Mathematical Probability and Statistics we added an additional assessment in 2023. We are monitoring the new assessment to see what adjustments we need to make in either the assessment or the curriculum.

Rubrics:

ETS Proficiency Profile (no rubric involved)

ISS4014: Rubric below MTH3083: Rubric below

ISS4014 Rubric

	Unsatisfactory (1)	Satisfactory (2)	Good (3)	Excellent (4)
Recognition of relevant information	3 errors (an error is defined as missing a relevant database field or listing an irrelevant field)	2 errors (an error is defined as missing a relevant database field or listing an irrelevant field)	1 error (an error is defined as missing a relevant database field or listing an irrelevant field)	All relevant database fields are listed and no irrelevant fields are listed for both queries
Query correctness	3 mistakes in the 2 queries	2 mistakes in the 2 queries	1 mistake in the 2 queries	No mistakes in the two queries

MTH3083 Rubric

	Unsatisfactory (0)	Low Satisfactory (1)	Satisfactory (2)	High Satisfactory (3)	Outstanding (4)
Students will be able to formulate a mathematical model from a verbal description of a problem.	Completely incorrect	Missed more than one key step or concept	Missed one key step or concept	Made a minor error	Completely correct
Students will be able to construct solutions to problems using computational techniques.	Completely incorrect	Missed more than one key step or concept	Missed one key step or concept	Made a minor error	Completely correct
Students will be able to interpret visual data.	Completely incorrect	Missed more than one key step or concept	Missed one key step or concept	Made a minor error	Completely correct

Learning Outcome:

PLO #4: Formulate decisions informed by ethical values.

Outcome Measure:

BUS/BBU4089 – Ethics Assignment - implemented Summer 2022

Criteria for Success:

The average score for each criteria of the PLO #4 Rubric will be a 3.0 or higher out of 4.0.

Initial Data:

PLO #4 Rubric - Average Student Score:

Semester	# of Assessments	Economic Analysis	Legal Analysis	Ethical Duty Analysis	Final Recommendation	Total
Summer 2022	40	3.03	3.10	3.00	3.20	3.08
Fall 2022	26	3.31	3.27	2.96	3.42	3.24
Spring 2023	20	3.18	3.30	2.90	2.94	3.08
Summer 2023	40	3.23	3.20	3.98	3.13	3.13
Fall 2023	36	2.81	2.64	2.53	2.33	2.58
Spring 2024	48	2.42	2.50	2.25	2.29	2.36
Summer 2024	42	2.81	2.88	2.83	2.57	2.22

Conclusions Drawn from Data:

The assessment of this PLO was moved to BUS 4089 beginning AY 21-22. The change resulted in a superior instrument being used to assess PLO #4. The criteria for success (average of 3.0 or higher out of 4.0) was not met in any of the criteria in the last 3 semesters.

Changes to be Made Based on Data:

While AY 23-24 results were below the criteria for success, the exit exam scores (see PLO 1) did meet the criteria for success in the ethics category. As a result, data will continue to be collected and monitored to see if the trend continues into future semesters or if it was an outlier this academic year.

PLO #4 RUBRIC

Point Loma Nazarene University Program Learning Outcome #4: Formulate decisions informed by ethical values.

Criteria	Excellent	Meets	Needs	Does Not Meet
	4	Expectati	Improvem	Expectations
		ons 3	ent 2	1
Economic Analysis	Clearly identifies how a decision or action positively or negatively impacts all members of society, including stakeholders.	Identifies how a decision or action positively or negatively impacts all members of society, including stakeholders.	Briefly identifies on how a decision or action positively or negatively impacts all members of society, including stakeholders.	Does not identify how a decision or action positively or negatively impacts all members of society, including stakeholders.
Legal Analysis	Clearly addresses what the law says is right and wrong. Cleary supports claims by referencing constitutional laws, statutory laws, regulatory laws, contractual laws, organizational policy, organizational or professional code of conduct.	Addresses what the law says is right and wrong. Supports claims by referencing constitutional laws, statutory laws, regulatory laws, contractual laws, organizational policy, organizational or professional code of conduct.	Briefly addresses what the law says is right and wrong. Briefly supports claims by referencing constitutional laws, statutory laws, regulatory laws, contractual laws, organizational policy, organizational or professional code of conduct.	Does not address what the law says is right and wrong. Does not support claims by referencing constitutional laws, statutory laws, regulatory laws, contractual laws, organizational policy, organizational or professional code of conduct.
Ethical Duty Analysis	Clearly identifies objective and universal standards (based on reason rather than emotion) regarding what is right, just, and fair. Clearly references at least two ethical tools to support view. *Ethical Tools Include: Personal Virtue, Utilitarianism, Universalism, Distributive Justice, Contributive Liberty, and Eternal Law.	Identifies objective and universal standards (based on reason rather than emotion) regarding what is right, just, and fair. References at least two ethical tools to support view. *Ethical Tools Include: Personal Virtue, Utilitarianism, Universalism, Distributive Justice, Contributive Liberty, and Eternal Law.	Somewhat identifies objective and universal standards (based on reason rather than emotion) regarding what is right, just, and fair. Briefly references one to two ethical tools to support view. *Ethical Tools Include: Personal Virtue, Utilitarianism, Universalism, Distributive Justice, Contributive Liberty, and Eternal Law.	Does not identify objective and universal standards (based on reason rather than emotion) regarding what is right, just, and fair. Does not reference at least one ethical tool to support view. Ethical Tools Include: Personal Virtue, Utilitarianism, Universalism, Distributive Justice, Contributive Liberty, and Eternal Law.
Final Recommendation	Does an excellent job weaving together the economic, legal, and ethical duty analysis to derive at a compelling moral argument that is very difficult to refute.	Does a good job weaving together the economic, legal, and ethical duty analysis to derive at a compelling moral argument that is difficult for someone to refute.	Does a fair job weaving together the economic, legal, and ethical duty analysis to derive at a moral argument that is somewhat difficult to refute.	Does a poor job weaving together the economic, legal, and ethical duty analysis to derive at a moral argument that is difficult to refute.

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Learning Outcome: Students will understand the professional, ethical and social issues and responsibilities with the implementation and use of technology.

Outcome Measure:

Alternating year: ISS3042 Signature Assignment Alternating year: CSC3023 Signature Assignment Alternating year: ISS4012 Signature Assignment

Annual: CSC4133 Signature Assignment Annual: ISS4072 Signature Assignment

Note that this list is long because there is no single class that captures all CS and IS majors.

Criteria for Success: 80% of the students should have an average score of at least 2.5 in each of the major areas on the relevant rubric.

Longitudinal Data:

	ISS3042: Percent of students with average at least 2.5		
	2020-21 2022-23		
Average from both scenarios (ISS3042)	62%	74%	

	CSC3023: Percent of Students at or Above 2.5
	2022-23
Can identify an ethical issue in a problem or scenario.	27%
Can make and support plausible ethical decision(s).	80%

	ISS:4072 Percent of Students at or Above 2.5	
	2022-23	2023-24
Can identify an ethical issue in a problem or scenario.	100%	78%
Can apply an ethical framework to ethical issue (virtue, utilitarianism, deontology, analogies) to scenario.	67%	67%
Can make and support plausible ethical decision(s).	100%	67%

	CSC-ISS-MTH4033 Percent of Students at or Above 2.5	
	2022-23	2023-24
Can identify an ethical issue in a problem or scenario.	73%	82%
Can apply an ethical framework to ethical issue (virtue, utilitarianism, deontology, analogies) to scenario.	67%	73%
Can make and support plausible ethical decision(s).	100%	91%

	ISS4012 Percent of Students at or Above 2.5
	2023-24
Can identify an ethical	
issue in a problem or	82%
scenario.	
Can apply an ethical	
framework to ethical issue	
(virtue, utilitarianism,	73%
deontology, analogies) to	
scenario.	
Can make and support	
plausible ethical	91%
decision(s).	

Conclusions Drawn from Data: The students did not meet our standards in the early assessments. The three students in ISS4072 in 2022-23 were assessed in the spring of 2023 and these three students had also been part of the assessment in ISS3042 in the fall of 2022. So hopefully we are seeing improvement. ISS3042, CSC3023 and CSC/ISS/MTH4133 will next

be assessed in the fall of 2024. ISS4072 data includes students who did internships summer 2023-spring of 2024.

Changes to be Made Based on Data: We are in the process of constructing a set of modules that will be embedded in several MICS classes with the intent that students will have multiple exposures to ethics-related issues and case studies. Our hope is that this scaffolding will ultimately support well-developed ethical responses in the classes where we gather data. As can be seen by the data, we are using a few different rubrics and it will simplify our analysis by getting all assessments on the same rubric.

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Ethics Rubric (ISS3042 and CSC3023)

	1	2	3	4	5
Question 1	Activity is found to be ethical and no other supporting information is provided.	Activity is found to be unethical, but the support for this behavior is limited and lacks an implied defined framework. Response is a simple, "we shouldn't do this"	Activity is found to be unethical and is supported by an ethical framework (explicit or clearly implied with a deontology framework).	Activity is found to be unethical and is support by an ethical framework (explicitly stating a deontology framework). Response is a reasoned "we should	Activity is found to be unethical and is supported by an ethical framework (explicitly stating a deontology framework). Response is a
		with a harsh feeling.	Response is a reasoned "we should do this" but is still a somewhat harsh response.	do this" but is tempered with keeping the issue private between the two people.	reasoned "we should do this" but express a clear justification, is not overly reactive and is kept private.
Question 2	The response does not identify an ethical issue with system reliability and does not clearly apply an ethical framework. The reliability issue is more of an inconvenience to users and does not create actual harm or violate a rule or law.	The response identifies an ethical issue or at least implies (clearly implied or explicitly) an ethical framework. But not both.	The response identifies an ethical issue and at least implies an appropriate ethical framework that correctly relates to the issues and contains a good explanation of why the framework applies to the issue.	The response identifies a clearly ethical issue and explicitly and correctly relates the issue to ethical framework along with explaining why the two are related.	The response identifies a clearly ethical issue and explicitly and correctly relates the issue to ethical framework along with explaining why the two are related. The response goes on to give examples of why the issue is an ethical problem.

CSC3023

	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Can identify an ethical issue in a problem or scenario. (Ethical Issue Recognition)	Student is unable to identify the core ethical issue of the scenario.	Student identifies a concern of the scenario, but not a core ethical issue.	Student identifies a core ethical issue, but not a secondary concern.	Student identifies a core ethical issue along with secondary concerns.
Can make and support plausible ethical decision(s).	Student is unable to form and support a plausible ethical decision.	Student forms a plausible ethical decision, however no support is given.	Student forms a plausible ethical decision and provides minimum support.	Student forms a plausible ethical decision and provides strong support.
(Informed Judgement)				

For MICS: Student will understand the professional, ethical and social issues and responsibilities with implementation and use of technology.

MTH4062, MTH4072, CSC/ISS/ MTH4133, ISS4012

	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Can identify an ethical	Student is unable to	Student identifies a	Student identifies a	Student identifies a
issue in a problem or scenario.	identify the core ethical issue of the scenario.	concern of the scenario, but not a core	core ethical issue, but not a secondary	core ethical issue along with secondary
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(Ethical Issue				
Recognition)				
Can apply an ethical	Student is unable to	Student states an	Student states an	Student states an
framework to an ethical	state an ethical	ethical framework and	ethical framework and	ethical framework and
issue (virtue,	framework.	makes an attempt to	is mostly correct in	can correctly apply it to
utilitarianism,		apply it to the scenario.	applying it to the	the scenario.
deontology, analogies) to scenario.			scenario.	
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(Application of Ethical				
Perspectives/Concepts)				
Can make and support	Student is unable to	Student forms a	Student forms a	Student forms a
plausible ethical	form and support a	plausible ethical	plausible ethical	plausible ethical
decision(s).	plausible ethical	decision, however no	decision and provides	decision and provides
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(Informed Judgement)				