

East Asian Studies Plan SLOAC Review Comments

Thanks for filing an assessment plan with the SLOAC. We have the following comments for you to consider:

1. In the learning outcomes, replace the word “assess” with a different word. Perhaps “demonstrate.”
2. On your planning, the committee believes you should be able to check the boxes for “Global Understanding” and “Multiculturalism/Diversity” for each outcome.
3. It may not be necessary to assess the history component of the major. Also, do you wish to assess student’s knowledge of culture? It may be useful to address these issues next year and concentrate this year on gathering data for the language outcomes.
4. Please include a copy of program minutes where this plan was approved.
5. Describe the test on question 4 of the planning form. How is the test scored, for instance?
6. When you specify the expected level of performance, be more specific about the score you expect to see. When you say “close to Level 3” it is not clear what this means.

Please address issues 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 and submit revised forms to the committee.

Your first report will be due October 31, 2007.

Since you have just started this assessment, it may be difficult to determine how a grant will improve learning. Keep the possibility of a grant in mind for the future. Grant applications are due Jan. 31, 2007. The form is available at www.mnstate.edu/assess.

If you have questions at any time, please contact Tim Borchers at borchers@mnstate.edu.

Thanks!