

Anthropology Plan and Report SLOAC Review Comments

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

Report Comments

1. Please let us know if we can assist your discussion about what various scores mean on your seminar survey. Thanks for addressing this.

Plan Comments

1. You're still using the Anthropology 455 rubric, right? It would be good to have a smaller point scale so it is more consistently used. Also, it would be useful to match it more closely to your new outcomes. How will you measure students who participate in conferences?
2. A compelling argument is made about the fact that what the instructors want to measure is lab and field skills and graduate school readiness, yet the department does not see a way to measure these. Perhaps you should apply for an instructional improvement grant to send some of them to a workshop on how to do performance-based assessment.
3. We are encouraging programs to consider ways of doing more formative assessment instead of relying only on assessment data gained during the senior seminar course. In other words, is there a course that all students take early in their careers where you can gather similar data to compare with students when they are finished with your program. As a related issue, how much do your students know about their scores on assessment? Is there a way for students to "track" their progress through your program on the outcomes. Please consider how you can move your assessment to a deeper level by considering these additions.

We do not need anything more from you for this year.

Your next report will be due on October 31, 2008.

If you wish to apply for an Instructional Improvement Grant, the deadline is January 31, 2008. Complete details are available at www.mnstate.edu/assess, click on Grants.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Jean Sando at sandoje@mnstate.edu.