

College of Business & Economics

Assurance of Learning

Program Learning Objective (PLO): Written Communication Winter 2017

BSBA

PLO3; LO3B

Office of Assurance of Learning

BSBA Learning Goal 3: Students who graduate will be effective communicators in a diverse and global environment.

CBE Learning Objective 3B:

Students who graduate will apply effective written communications skills.

Assessed Term: Winter 2017

Mapped Course: MGMT 4500

Curriculum Alignment:

Students take MGMT 4500 as a core upper division course. This course is typically attended by graduating seniors in the BSBA program. The course focuses on the relationships between business managers and the social, economic, and political environments within which they operate; business ethics, antitrust policy, social responsibility, and consumer protection. *A written assignment is assigned as part of students' overall grade.*

Participating Faculty:

3 faculty members

Methods & Procedures:

Case study write-ups were used to assess written communications in this course. Artifacts were assessed by teaching faculty.

Assessment Measurement Tool Used:

Faculty modified AACU VALUE Written Communication rubric.

Status of Assessment:

Completed.

Artifacts Archived:

Sample of assignments in hard and soft copy filed for reference.

Performance Target:

There are two targets set for this skill, (1) 70% of students will meet or exceed expectations; and (2) less than 10% of students will score "1" (below expectations) on any "trait" in the rubric. Overall, 93% of students met expectations on the learning objective.

n = 41	Trait 1	Trait 2	Trait 3	Trait 4	Trait 5
Meets Expectations	95%	95%	93%	85%	95%
Does Not Meet Expectations	5%	5%	7%	15%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Overall Score	93%				

Data Summary

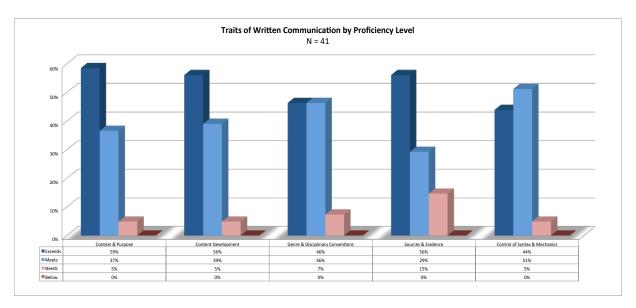
Assessed Traits n = 41	Meets Expectation*	Below Expectation**	
Trait 1: Context & Purpose	95%	5%	
Trait 2: Content Development	95%	5%	
Trait 3: Genre & Disciplinary Conventions	93%	7%	
Trait 4: Sources & Evidence	85%	15%	
Trait 5: Control of Syntax & Mechanics	95%	5%	

Overall Assessment Scores by Individual Trait:

* Meets expectations = Meets expectations + Exceeds expectations ** Below expectations = Needs Improvement + Below Expectations

Detailed Assessment Scores by Individual Trait*:

By Individual Trait	Context & Purpose	Content Development	Genre & Disciplinary Conventions	Sources & Evidence	Control of Syntax & Mechanics
Exceeds Expectations (4)	59%	56%	46%	56%	44%
Meets Expectations (3)	37%	39%	46%	29%	51%
Needs Improvement (2)	5%	5%	7%	15%	5%
Below Expectations (1)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



*Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Written Communication Rubric

LO3B: Written Communication					
Goal 3: Students who graduate will be effective communicators in a diverse and global environment.					
Objective 3B: Students who graduate will apply effective written communication skills in a diverse and global environment.					
Traits	(4) Exceeds Expectations	(3) Meets Expectations	(2) Needs Improvement	(1) Below Expectations	
Context of and Purpose for Writing <i>Includes</i> <i>considerations of</i> <i>audience, purpose, and the</i> <i>circumstances surrounding</i> <i>the writing task(s).</i>	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of context, audience, and purpose that is responsive to the assigned task(s) and focuses all elements of the work.	Demonstrates adequate consideration of context, audience & purpose and a clear focus on the assigned task(s) (e.g., the task aligns with audience, purpose, and context).	Demonstrates awareness of context, audience, purpose, and to the assigned tasks(s) (e.g., begins to show awareness of audience's perceptions and assumptions).	Demonstrates minimal attention to context, audience, purpose, and to the assigned tasks(s) (e.g., expectation of instructor or self as audience).	
Content Development	Uses appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to illustrate mastery of the subject, conveying the writer's understanding, and shaping the whole work.	Uses appropriate, relevant, and compelling content to explore ideas within the context of the discipline and shape the whole work.	Uses appropriate and relevant content to develop and explore ideas through most of the work.	Uses appropriate and relevant content to develop simple ideas in some parts of the work.	
Genre and Disciplinary Conventions Formal and informal rules inherent in the expectations for writing in particular forms and/or academic fields.	Demonstrates detailed attention to and successful execution of a wide range of conventions particular to a specific discipline and/or writing task (s) including organization, content, presentation, formatting, and stylistic choices	Demonstrates consistent use of important conventions particular to a specific discipline and/or writing task(s), including organization, content, presentation, and stylistic choices	Follows expectations appropriate to a specific discipline and/or writing task(s) for basic organization, content, and presentation	Attempts to use a consistent system for basic organization and presentation.	
Sources and Evidence	Demonstrates skillful use of high- quality, credible, relevant sources to develop ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of the writing	Demonstrates consistent use of credible, relevant sources to support ideas that are situated within the discipline and genre of the writing.	Demonstrates an attempt to use credible and/or relevant sources to support ideas that are appropriate for the discipline and genre of the writing.	Demonstrates an attempt to use sources to support ideas in the writing.	
Control of Syntax and Mechanics	Uses graceful language that skillfully communicates meaning to readers with clarity and fluency, and is virtually error- free.	Uses straightforward language that generally conveys meaning to readers. The language in the portfolio has few errors.	Uses language that generally conveys meaning to readers with clarity, although writing may include some errors.	Uses language that sometimes impedes meaning because of errors in usage.	

Raw Assessment Scores

Instructor	Individual	Trait 1	Trait 2	Trait 3	Trait 4	Trait 5
Instructor 001	Individual 001	4	4	3	3	3
Instructor 001	Individual 002	4	4	4	4	3
Instructor 001	Individual 003	4	4	4	4	3
Instructor 001	Individual 004	4	4	4	3	4
Instructor 001	Individual 005	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 001	Individual 006	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 001	Individual 007	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 001	Individual 008	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 001	Individual 009	4	4	4	3	4
Instructor 001	Individual 010	4	4	3	3	4
Instructor 002	Individual 011	3	3	3	4	3
Instructor 002	Individual 012	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 002	Individual 013	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 002	Individual 014	4	3	3	4	3
Instructor 002	Individual 015	2	2	3	3	3
Instructor 002	Individual 016	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 002	Individual 017	4	4	3	3	3
Instructor 002	Individual 018	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 002	Individual 019	3	3	3	4	3
Instructor 002	Individual 020	3	4	4	4	4
Instructor 002	Individual 021	4	4	4	3	4
Instructor 002	Individual 022	4	4	4	4	4
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Instructor 002	Individual 024	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 002	Individual 025	3	4	3	4	3
Instructor 002	Individual 026	4	3	3	4	3
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Instructor 002	Individual 028	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 002	Individual 029	3	3	3	4	3
Instructor 002	Individual 030	4	4	4	3	4
Instructor 003	Individual 031	3	3	3	2	3
Instructor 003	Individual 032	3	3	3	2	3
Instructor 003	Individual 033	3	3	3	3	3
Instructor 003	Individual 034	2	2	2	2	2
Instructor 003	Individual 035	3	3	3	3	3
Instructor 003	Individual 036	3	3	2	2	2
Instructor 003	Individual 037	3	3	3	3	3
Instructor 003	Individual 038	3	3	3	3	3
Instructor 003	Individual 039	4	4	4	4	4
Instructor 003	Individual 040	4	3	3	2	3
Instructor 003	Individual 041	3	3	2	2	3

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