

Standard #4 Measurement and Analysis of Student Learning and Performance

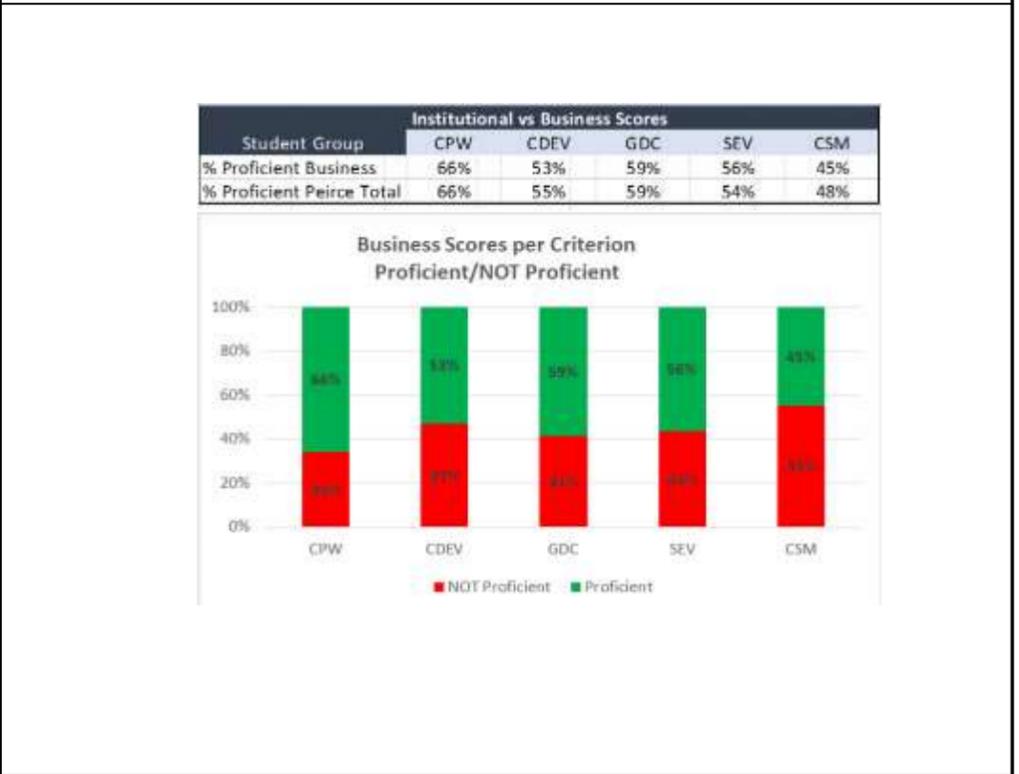
Use this table to supply data for Criterion 4.2. (Figure 4.2 in self-study)

Performance Indicator	Definition
1. Student Learning Results	<p>A student learning outcome is one that measures a specific competency attainment. <i>Examples of a direct assessment (evidence) of student learning attainment that might be used include: capstone performance, third-party examination, faculty-designed examination, professional performance, licensure examination.</i> Add these to the description of the measurement instrument in column two:</p> <p>Direct - Assessing student performance by examining samples of student work</p> <p>Indirect - Assessing indicators other than student work such as getting feedback from the student or other persons who may provide relevant information.</p> <p>Formative – An assessment conducted during the student’s education.</p> <p>Summative – An assessment conducted at the end of the student’s education.</p> <p>Internal – An assessment instrument that was developed within the business unit.</p> <p>External – An assessment instrument that was developed outside the business unit.</p> <p>Comparative – Compare results between classes, between online and on ground classes, Between professors, between programs, between campuses, or compare to external results such as results from the U.S. Department of Education Research and Statistics, or results from a vendor providing comparable data.</p>

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<p>(1) Peregrine</p> <p>Match or exceed Peregrine scores as compared to ACBSP Institutions</p>	<p>Peregrine exams administered at the conclusion of BUS450. The test assesses student proficiency in 17 content areas.</p>	<p>Peirce students, as compared to students at ACBSP Region 2, scored higher 14 of the 17 content areas during the 2015-2016 assessment period.</p>	<p>For 2015-2016, Peregrin showed evidence of students acquiring knowledge that was consistent with content areas within the exam. Areas where Peirce students' scores were reported lower than ACBSP Region 2 students were Economics (Microeconomics), Information Management Systems, and Legal Environment of Business. However, results indicate our students were only one point below. On the contrary, four content areas indicated scores that exceeded ACBSP by four (4) points; one content area score that exceeded ACBSP by seven (7) points, and one content area score that exceeded ACBSP by 10 points.</p>	<p>With the revision to the learning outcomes which were implemented in the 2016-2017 year, plus budgetary constraints, considerations must be examined regarding the relevancy and cost-efficiency of the Peregrin exams.</p> <p>Despite the apparent success of Peirce students when compared to other ACBSP Region 2 students, the alignment of the exam content is not explicit. As such, in 2016-2017, the business division completed a mapping strategy which examines the alignment of the institutional learning outcomes, program learning outcomes, and course learning outcomes. While this mapping strategy may not provide external validation assessment, it provides an opportunity to ensure holistic alignment while evaluating other external tools for comparative analysis.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Peirce College FY 1516 BUS450 Peregrine CPC Results Business Administration Students Only</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; font-size: small;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Course</th> <th>Accounting</th> <th>Business Ethics</th> <th>Business Finance</th> <th>Business Integration and Strategic Management</th> <th>Business Law/ethics</th> <th>Economics</th> <th>Economics: Microeconomics</th> <th>Economics: Macroeconomics</th> <th>Global Dimensions of Business</th> <th>Information Management Systems</th> <th>Legal Environment of Business</th> <th>Management</th> <th>Management: Human Resources Management</th> <th>Management: Quantitative/Production Management</th> <th>Management: Organizational Behavior</th> <th>Marketing</th> <th>Quantitative Research Techniques and Statistics</th> <th>FINAL SCORE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BUS 450 FY 1516</td> <td>52</td> <td>57</td> <td>48</td> <td>56</td> <td>53</td> <td>49</td> <td>49</td> <td>48</td> <td>50</td> <td>57</td> <td>55</td> <td>61</td> <td>63</td> <td>53</td> <td>68</td> <td>48</td> <td>53</td> <td>53</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; 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<p>(2) Delta Mu Delta</p> <p>This is a continuation of a long-term goal, which focuses on increasing membership and eligibility for Delta Mu Delta (DMD).</p>	<p>DMD is an external organization which determines Business Administration and Accounting student eligibility as students who have completed 60 or more credits, and have a GPA of 3.3. Students who meet the criteria are eligible for induction into the Delta Mu Delta (DMD) National Honor Society.</p>	<p>In 2016, 34% more students met the eligibility criteria for DMD than in 2015, however, fewer students were inducted (paid the induction fee and attended the induction ceremony as required by DMD).</p>	<p>DMD exists to “foster the well-being of its individual members and the business community through life-time membership”. Members benefit from a lifetime recognition for outstanding academic achievement, but also have opportunities for networking. Additionally, members have an opportunity for scholarships, and considering 77% of our students receive Federal financial aid, and 73% are deemed low income, membership could have financial impact on degree completion as well.</p> <p>At Peirce College, we view the DMD opportunity as an added benefit to help increase degree persistence. DMD members volunteer to assist at College events such as the Professional Enrichment Series, Annual Job Fair, the Business Conference.</p> <p>Retaining DMD eligibility (and subsequent membership) allows students to capitalize on leadership skills and engage with various stakeholders outside the classroom.</p>	<p>Using the external measure of DMD eligibility, and the notion that cost is prohibitive to membership, we are <u>exploring the potential of establishing a DMD Scholarship</u> fund to help defray the cost in 2018. In addition, DMD announced an increase in membership fee effective 2018 from \$50 to \$65 (plus \$10 for cord and pin), so this will be even more relevant. However, while DMD is an added value to students, the true focus has shifted to communicating to students the opportunities afforded by qualifying for membership.</p> <p>Furthermore, as means to help students meet the eligibility requirements, and the opportunity to serve leadership and volunteer roles at the College, the <u>business division collaborates with the Advising department and Walker Center for Academic Excellence on offering programming</u> to students geared toward development of skills needed to meet the eligibility criteria of DMD. The added support and guidance may help students with eligibility and ultimately, degree completion.</p> <p>Ultimately, by giving students the opportunity to build leadership skills and gain experience outside the classroom, they are improving the skill set desired by employers upon graduation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Delta Mu Delta – Eligibility/Induction Conversion</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>#eligible</th> <th># inducted</th> <th>% inducted</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td style="text-align: center;">32</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td style="text-align: center;">56%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td style="text-align: center;">65</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td style="text-align: center;">22%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		#eligible	# inducted	% inducted	2015	32	18	56%	2016	65	14	22%
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<p>(3) Learning Outcomes Assessment</p> <p>Assessment of written communication for students graduating with a Bachelor’s degree in 2015-2016.</p>	<p>Summative assessment was conducted to evaluate the Peirce Institutional Learning Outcome (ILO): Communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing. For the purposes of the assessment exercise, only written communication was examined.</p> <p>Writing samples were identified for students graduating with a BS degree in 2015-2016. Internal criteria required the writing was produced in the final year before graduation. All full-time faculty participated as evaluators.</p> <p>The American Association of Colleges and Universities’ VALUE (Valid Assessment of Learning in Undergraduate Education) written communication rubric for this assessment.</p>	<p>Peirce set the bar for each of its six ILOs at a minimum of 75% proficiency. Both the institutional and business scores fall short of that mark in each of the categories below.</p> <p>CPW (Content of and Purpose for Writing)</p> <p>CDEV (Content Development)</p> <p>GDC (Genre and Disciplinary Conventions)</p> <p>SEV (Sources and Evidence)</p> <p>CSM (Control of Syntax and Mechanics)</p>	<p>While this was a cross-College assessment, the Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee (SLOAC) was able to extract the results for each academic division. Results of business and accounting students closely mirrored institutional results.</p> <p>The content development, genre and disciplinary conventions, and sources of evidence criteria cluster in the mid-50 percent range proficiency-wise. Context and purpose of writing is the bright spot, significantly higher at 66% proficient. Given that proficiency in this area is a precondition to any further success in any of the subsequent stages of writing, this is certainly a good spot for headway, although the results seen there are still short of the 75% goal.</p> <p>The grammar criterion (control of syntax and mechanics) is the low point. Given that grammar and mechanics are more foundational and involve higher order cognition to a lesser degree than the other categories in general, this result may seem surprising. Usage flaws, however, may be more salient, in the sense that they are obvious and difficult to miss than shortcomings</p>	<p>Next steps on the program level include data collection and assessment of Program Learning Outcome (PLO) number 3 in 2018-2019. See the Business Division's Assessment Cycle Schedule below.</p> <p>PLO 3 = apply appropriate research methods to the analysis of business methods and communicate recommendations. Precise methodology has not yet been set for the upcoming cycle of PLO assessment. Previous cycles focused on assessment of writing in associate and bachelor's level capstone courses.</p>
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(4) Assessing the Assessment Revise and update Program Learning Outcomes Assessment cycle.	Direct assessment of learning outcomes In 2010-2011, Peirce College commenced a well-organized cycle of Institutional and Program Learning Outcomes Assessment which ran through 2014-2015 when the cycle was completed. During this time, each ILO and PLO was assessed on the institutional level by SLOAC and on the program level by program faculty.	A new assessment cycle will begin in the 2017-2018 academic year. Generally, assessment of PLOs has been rooted in assessing Capstone course assignments and deliverable. Faculty are currently exploring alternatives, for example building assessments earlier in the program to effect more immediate changes/improvements.	Analysis of the previous five-year assessment cycle has resulted in revised program student learning outcomes, for better alignment with institutional outcomes and industry needs. Additionally, the process itself has been revised to allow for a longer data collection and analysis period for each outcome.	Improvements undertaken since 2015 include: - A revision of every course within the Business Administration and Accounting programs (2015-2016) for alignment with new Program Learning Outcomes and the new Peirce Fit delivery model - Re-mapping of Program Learning Outcomes (2016-2017) - Implementation of the new Program Learning Outcomes Assessment timeline (2017-2018 onward)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="10">Assessment Cycle Schedule</th> </tr> <tr> <th>PLO</th> <th>2017-18</th> <th>2018-19</th> <th>2019-20</th> <th>2020-21</th> <th>2021-22</th> <th>2022-23</th> <th>2022-24</th> <th>2022-25</th> <th>2022-26</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. 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Standard #6 - Organizational Performance Results, Table 6.1

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