University Assessment Committee
Core Curriculum
Outcomes Assessment Summary Form

This form is to be completed by a representative from the Core Assessment Team. The information provided in this form will be used by the University of San Diego to inform stakeholder groups about USD's commitment to the intellectual, spiritual, and overall development of students as they navigate through the Core Curriculum. A Pdf version of this form will be posted on the University's Student Outcomes Website in the Evidence of Student Learning section.

Core Outcomes Information

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Outcome Area

[ ] Oral Communication

Academic Year

2017-2018

Assessment Overview

Briefly share how the outcome identified above was assessed.

In Spring 2018, the Core Assessment Team conducted a pilot project on Oral Communication. A team of faculty scorers viewed video-recorded student speeches from a variety of lower- and upper-division courses that meet the Oral Communications Core requirement, and analyzed the speeches using five criteria: Central Message, Language, Organization, Selection and Utility of Supporting Materials, and Delivery.

Results and Actions Taken

Briefly summarize the assessment results and how they are being used.

The results suggested the need for extra support in the area of Delivery. In addition, scorers noticed that students that gave group presentations had more difficulty conveying the criteria of Central Message and Organization than students that gave individual presentations. As a result, scorer suggestions and feedback were used to devise "Faculty and Student Tips for Oral Presentations" summaries. These summaries – as well as the rubric that was collaboratively devised for this assessment – will be provided to all faculty teaching Oral Communications-designated courses, beginning in Spring 2019. It is hoped this additional student and faculty support will help future students taking these courses.