Results Summary

Program Unit: Peace and Justice Studies MA

College/School: Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies

Assessment Overview
The Masters of Arts in Peace and Justice Studies (MAPJ) program assesses five learning outcomes. The program assesses student progress in the following areas: ability to analyze the roots and drivers related to peace and justice issues, develop the moral imagination to address complex social problems, effectively communicate, cultivate problem solving skills, lastly gain skills and competencies to be an innovative peacebuilder.

Results Summary
The MAPJ program assessment is in the initial stages. During the Fall 2015 semester, the MAPJ curriculum was reviewed to determine how the courses addressed the following: areas of focus in peace & justice, approaches to peace and justice building, and the scope of areas (geographic location, actors, spectrum of conflict). The courses were then evaluated on how they implemented the criteria of context, analysis, design and implementation to assist in building sustainable peace and justice. This curricular mapping process resulted in the proposal of new courses to provide a better balance of individual growth with the knowledge of the field and areas of focus. The program should evaluate how the courses address the areas and criteria listed above (one suggested method is syllabi review) and gather data via Exit Surveys related to students program experiences.