

McKendree University

Assessment 2.1

Learning Outcome: ENGAGEMENT

Students will participate actively in classroom, co-curricular, and community experiences to enhance learning.

Objective 1: Students will participate in field experiences and internships.

Assessment Instrument: National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) – “Participate in an internship, co-op, field experience, student teaching, or clinical placement”

Participants: First-year (FY) students and Senior-year (SY) students

Data Collected: Spring, every three years

Data Aggregated: Every three years

Instrument Scale: Have not decided; Do not plan to do; Plan to do; Done or in progress

Target Goal: 9% or more FY students report “Done or in progress”; 50% or more SY students report “Done or in progress”

Assessment Results:

Indicator	2010-2011				2013-2014				2016-2017			
	FY students		SY students		FY students		SY students		FY students		SY students	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Participate in an internship, co-op, field experience, student teaching, or clinical placement	116	4%	269	36%	117	5%	179	35%	119	4%	159	40%

Objective 2: Students will participate in culminating capstone experiences.

Assessment Instrument: National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) – “Complete a culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, portfolio, etc.)”

Participants: First-year (FY) students and Senior-year (SY) students

Data Collected: Spring semester, every three years

Data Aggregated: Every three years

Instrument Scale: Have not decided; Do not plan to do; Plan to do; Done or in progress

Target Goal: 3% or more FY students report “Done or in progress”; 46% or more SY students report “Done or in progress”

Assessment Results:

Indicator	2010-2011				2013-2014				2016-2017			
	FY students		SY students		FY students		SY students		FY students		SY students	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Complete a culminating senior experience (capstone course, senior project or thesis, comprehensive exam, portfolio, etc.)	116	3%	269	24%	115	2%	177	41%	118	2%	156	40%

Objective 3: At least 80% of McKendree undergraduate Lebanon campus students will report being engaged in co-curricular activity.

Assessment Instrument: Fall Student Survey – “Which activities do you participate in at McKendree?”

Participants: Lebanon campus undergraduate students

Data Collected: Every Fall semester

Data Aggregated: By academic year

Assessment Scale: Percentage of students who reported participating in one or more activities at McKendree

Target Goal: 80% or higher

Assessment Results:

Indicator	2016-2017		2017-2018		2018-2019	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Participate in activities at McKendree	384	91%	404	92%	255	94%

Objective 4: Over half of McKendree full-time faculty will report being engaged with students outside of the classroom.

Assessment Instrument: Faculty Activity Report – Collaborative research or projects with students; Advisor to student organization

Participants: Full-time faculty

Data Collected: Each year, September 1 – August 31

Data Aggregated: By academic year

Assessment Scale: Percentage of faculty who report conducting collaborative research or projects with students or advising student organizations

Target Goal: Greater than 50%

Assessment Results:

	2016-2017		2017-2018		2018-2019	
Indicator	n	%	n	%	n	%
Engage in collaborative research or projects with students or advise student organizations	94	36%	93	35%		

Significant Changes

2011-2012: Capstone experience initiative added to Strategic Plan.

2011-2012: Linked Hettenshausen Center for the Arts events to student learning outcomes.

2011-2012: Developed online Faculty Activity Report.

2012-2013: Launched Make Your Mark Faculty Boot Camp to promote active learning.

2012-2013: Designated funds for student and faculty engagement grants.

2013-2014: Launched the annual Academic Excellence Celebration.

2014-2015: Started identifying capstone experiences for each program in the Undergraduate Catalog.

2016-2017: Created a standard syllabus template for internships.

2017-2018: Changed the policy for faculty supervision of internships to ensure that all supervisors are compensated.

2017-2018: Renovated four spaces to create active learning classrooms.