

Course Assessment Report
Washtenaw Community College

Discipline	Course Number	Title
Biology	109	BIO 109 02/17/2023- Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology
College	Division	Department
Inactive Divisions	Math, Science and Engineering Tech	Life Sciences
Faculty Preparer		Susan Dentel
Date of Last Filed Assessment Report		09/11/2017

I. Review previous assessment reports submitted for this course and provide the following information.

1. Was this course previously assessed and if so, when?

Yes

Through Fall 2019.

2. Briefly describe the results of previous assessment report(s).

Students successfully met the measure of success with outcome #1, but performed slightly better with outcomes #2-4. There was no assessment done for the lab portion of this course.

3. Briefly describe the Action Plan/Intended Changes from the previous report(s), when and how changes were implemented.

The action plan involved doing an analysis and making some changes in regards to the assessment questions as well as developing a lab assessment strategy. One other component of the action plan was to change the language of the standard of success to be more reasonable and realistic (70% of the students will score 70% or higher on assessment questions). Instructional strategies were suggested to Bio 109 instructors such as helping students to make more connections between concepts and terminology covered in the beginning units to later units in the course. The use of more student practice questions and exercises was also suggested.

II. Assessment Results per Student Learning Outcome

Outcome 1: Use correct terminology when referring to the structure and function of the human body at all levels, including molecular, biochemical, cellular, histological and organismal.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: Multiple choice and/or short answer questions on unit exam and/or cumulative final exam
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2019
 - Course section(s)/other population: All
 - Number students to be assessed: All
 - How the assessment will be scored: Answer key
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 100% of the students will score 70% or higher on the pool of questions used to assess this outcome
 - Who will score and analyze the data: Department faculty
1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

Fall (indicate years below)	Winter (indicate years below)	SP/SU (indicate years below)
2022, 2019	2022	2022, 2019

2. Provide assessment sample size data in the table below.

# of students enrolled	# of students assessed
313	201

3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal, or did not complete activity.

The number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled due to student withdrawal and absence. In addition, not all of the instructors turned in assessment data for their sections (3 sections were not assessed).

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

For the summer of 2019, there was one in-person evening section on campus assessed.

For the fall of 2019, there were three in-person sections during the day and evening on campus. Only the two day sections were assessed.

There was a gap in assessment data from Winter 2020 to Fall of 2021 due to lack of data collection and new virtual teaching changes.

Winter of 2022, one day and one evening in-person sections on campus were assessed.

During the Summer of 2022, there were three VClass sections and one in-person session (day). One of the VClass sections was not assessed.

Fall of 2022, there was one day and two evening sections in-person on campus. One of the evening sections was not assessed.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

Embedded exam questions (from exams 1-5) were used for the assessment of outcome #1 which is a general outcome involved in all aspects of the course. Students were assessed on their performance of these questions using item analysis according to the number of correct and incorrect responses to the questions.

We had noticed that there was an error on the master syllabus in the Standard of Success area. It needs to be corrected on the next master syllabus update. For this assessment we used the standard of success that was used for all of the other outcomes. (70% of the students will score 70% or higher).

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes

Students overall met the standard of success with outcome #1. Students performed well on questions 1 (91%), 2 (71%) and 4 (77%), but performed poorly on question 3 (52%). 73.6% of responses were correct.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students overall met the measure of success with outcome #1. Students performed well on questions 1, 2 and 4, but performed poorly on question 3. Students performed well on general concept questions and questions relating to anatomy.

Although, question 3 is an anatomy-based question, it is also a question that includes a specific tissue.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

Discussion of tissues is an area that we used to cover more extensively in both Bio 109 and 111. We used to have a big lab section based on tissues as well. Perhaps concepts relating to tissues need to be reinforced more in the course.

Outcome 2: Recognize the importance of homeostasis, and how it depends on events, including gene expression, that occur at the chemical and cellular level.

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 - Number students to be assessed: All
 - How the assessment will be scored: Answer key
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 100% of the students will score 70% or higher on the pool of questions used to assess this outcome
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Fall of 2022, there was one day and two evening sections in-person on campus. One of the evening sections was not assessed.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

I used the questions provided to me from exams 1 through 5. Students were assessed on their performance of embedded, multiple-choice exam questions. Item analysis was performed to show the number of correct and incorrect responses to the questions. The standard of success used was 70% of the students will score 70% or higher

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: No

Students did not meet the measure of success with outcome #2. Students performed well on questions 2 (70%), 3 (70%) and 5 (72%), but didn't perform as well on questions 1 (68%) and 4 (67%). 69.3% of the responses were correct.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students performed well on questions 2, 3 and 5.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

Students overall met the measure of success with outcome #2. Students performed well on questions 2 and 3, but didn't perform as well on questions 1 and 4. Question 2 related to movement of molecules which is often a confusing topic for students. Question 3 was a chemistry-based question. Basic core topics in chemistry and biology are important for students to be able to understand concepts in physiology. Communication with instructors about this should be part of the overall improvement in the teaching of this course.

Outcome 3: Identify the major organ systems, their structures, and how those structures function to maintain homeostasis.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: Multiple choice and/or short answer questions on unit exam and/or cumulative final exam
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2019
 - Course section(s)/other population: All
 - Number students to be assessed: All
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5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

Embedded exam questions (from exams 1-5) were used for the assessment of outcome #3. Students were assessed on their performance of these questions using item analysis according to the number of correct and incorrect responses to the questions. The standard of success used was 70% of the students will score 70% or higher

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes

Students performed very well on the questions associated with this outcome, with all questions correctly answered more than 70% of the time. Overall, 75.2% of the responses were correct.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students performed very well on the questions associated with this outcome. These questions seem to be very straight-forward without much room for misinterpretation by students.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

Perhaps looking over other assessment questions to make sure they are as clear as these questions would be something to consider for future improvement.

Outcome 4: Demonstrate proficiency in lab-based skills.

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 - Assessment Tool: Lab quiz consisting of multiple choice or short answer question
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2019
 - Course section(s)/other population: All
 - Number students to be assessed: All
 - How the assessment will be scored: Answer key
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 100% of the students will score 70% or higher on the pool of questions used to assess this outcome
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Fall of 2022, there was one day and two evening sections in-person on campus. One of the evening sections was not assessed.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

Lab quizzes were used to assess this outcome. The standard of success was met in all assessed sections and semesters. Students scored an average of 75.2% on correctly answered questions.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes

Students overall met the standard of success with outcome #1. Students performed well on questions 1 (76%), 3 (79%) and 4 (79%), but just met the standard on questions 2 (71%) and 5 (70%). Overall, 75.2% of responses were correct.

Due to the transitioning to virtual labs and back to in-person during the pandemic, the lab results are less actionable than usual. In addition, it is difficult to get instructors to provide separate data from lecture and lab, but perhaps this just needs to be reinforced more.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students were successful overall on the lab questions, including a question involving the calculation of vital capacity and questions identifying anatomical structures.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

Students did show poorer performance in the understanding of mechanical ventilation. Shifting emphasis a little more toward this topic may help in the future.

III. Course Summary and Intended Changes Based on Assessment Results

1. Based on the previous report's Intended Change(s) identified in Section I above, please discuss how effective the changes were in improving student learning.

Embedded exam questions were assessed with sections indicated. The assessment questions and the number of sections assessed were considerably approved from the last assessment report; however, there were still gaps in assessment due to the pandemic and inconsistencies in how the course was taught.

2. Describe your overall impression of how this course is meeting the needs of students. Did the assessment process bring to light anything about student achievement of learning outcomes that surprised you?

Overall, this course seems to be meeting the needs of students. I did find it surprising that students performed poorly on basic tissue and chemistry-based questions.

3. Describe when and how this information, including the action plan, was or will be shared with Departmental Faculty.

There will be communication with instructors going forward about the need to reinforce basic chemistry in the beginning of the course as well as not to gloss over tissues, but to spend some quality time in discussion about histology.

4.

Intended Change(s)

Intended Change	Description of the change	Rationale	Implementation Date
Assessment Tool	Lab outcome will be assessed.	As we move out of the worst of the pandemic, we're planning to fully assess the lab outcome, and will be including data for that outcome in the next report.	2024
Other: Standard of success	Update the standard of success from 100% of the students will score 70% or higher to 70% of the students will score 70% or higher.	This is a more reasonable and realistic standard.	2023

5. Is there anything that you would like to mention that was not already captured?

6.

III. Attached Files

[Assessment Questions](#)

[Exam Question Data](#)

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Faculty Preparer		Susan Dentel
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I. Review previous assessment reports submitted for this course and provide the following information.

1. Was this course previously assessed and if so, when?

Yes

2017

2. Briefly describe the results of previous assessment report(s).

At the time, this course wasn't assessed for a long time. I don't typically teach this course, but am the course lead for both Bio 109 and 111 which are similar. Marvin Boluyt offered his data from the 2009 semester and Lee Foley offered his data from the Winter 2017 semester. So the assessment was meager, but offered some information in general about student success.

3. Briefly describe the Action Plan/Intended Changes from the previous report(s), when and how changes were implemented.

The intended changes were to go into effect Fall of 2017 utilizing embedded exam questions and implementing consistent and ongoing assessment.

II. Assessment Results per Student Learning Outcome

Outcome 1: Use correct terminology when referring to the structure and function of the human body at all levels, including molecular, biochemical, cellular, histological and organismal.

- Assessment Plan

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2019, 2018, 2017	2019, 2018	

2. Provide assessment sample size data in the table below.

# of students enrolled	# of students assessed
263	235

3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal, or did not complete activity.

All students who completed the assessment activity were included.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

Students were included from all sections (which were only F2F). Data was gathered from instructors who teach Bio 109. I am the course lead for Bio 109, but I don't typically teach the course and didn't create the assessment questions used.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

Embedded exam questions (from exams 1-5) were used for the assessment of outcome #1 which is a general outcome involved in all aspects of the course. Students were assessed on their performance of these questions using item

analysis according to the number of correct and incorrect responses to the questions.

We recently noticed that there was an error on the master syllabus in the Standard of Success area. That will be corrected on the next master syllabus update. For this assessment we used the standard of success that was used for all of the other outcomes. (70% of the students will score 70% or higher).

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes

70% of the students scored an average of 70% or higher on the four questions for this outcome. The standard of success was successfully met.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students performed reasonably well on questions 1 and 2 which are anatomy-based questions that are tested on in the beginning of the course. They seem to know their general anatomical terms.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

Students didn't perform as well on questions 3 and 4 which are also anatomy questions. Question 3 may be confusing in that choice E (both E & D) may be confusing to some students. Possibly question 4 was missed more frequently because it is concerning the brain and that particular test is harder than exam 1 with general anatomy questions. It also may be that choice D for question 4 (both B & C) is confusing to some students. One possible improvement would be to suggest question rewrites of these questions to the instructors who teach the course.

Students met the measure of success with outcome #1 although they performed better with outcome 2 and 3 which is surprising in that the material in these outcomes is more physiologically-based as opposed to basic anatomy. It might be that students were just getting used to the course content (the first few questions for outcome 1 were primarily from Exam 1).

Outcome 2: Recognize the importance of homeostasis, and how it depends on events, including gene expression, that occur at the chemical and cellular level.

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All students who completed the assessment activity were included.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

Students were included from all sections (which were only F2F). Data was gathered from instructors who teach Bio 109. I am the course lead for Bio 109, but I don't typically teach the course and didn't create the assessment questions used.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

Embedded exam questions (from exams 1-5) were used for the assessment of outcome #2 which is a general outcome involved in all aspects of the course. Students were assessed on their performance of these questions using item

analysis according to the number of correct and incorrect responses to the questions.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes

80% of the students scored an average of 70% or higher on the four questions for this outcome. The standard of success was successfully met.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

From this assessment, it appears that students had a fairly decent understanding of homeostasis as it is applied throughout the course.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

Students performed well on all the questions for outcome #2 with the exception of question #6. This may be due to some kind of disconnect with students in regards to applying the term exocytosis (which they learn about in the beginning of the course) to the concept of neurotransmitter release that is studied later in the course. It might be helpful if instructors intentionally revisit these early terms in context with later topics.

Outcome 3: Identify the major organ systems, their structures, and how those structures function to maintain homeostasis.

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5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

Embedded exam questions (from exams 1-5) were used for the assessment of outcome #3 which is a general outcome involved in all aspects of the course. Students were assessed on their performance of these questions using item analysis according to the number of correct and incorrect responses to the questions.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: Yes
 73% of the students scored an average of 70% or higher on the four questions for this outcome. The standard of success was successfully met.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students met the measure of success with this outcome. They performed well on question #9 which is a very straight forward terminology question.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

Students didn't perform as well on questions 10, 11 and 12. Question 10 could be written differently and may be confusing to students in that they could easily choose for a correct answer myofibril and sarcomere. A better question for 10 could be substituted. Question 11 and 12 are questions that promote a deeper thought-process. Instructors could be encouraged to help students to practice with more application of their knowledge.

Outcome 4: Demonstrate proficiency in lab-based skills.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: Lab quiz consisting of multiple choice or short answer question
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 - Number students to be assessed: All
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3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal, or did not complete activity.

There was no assessment done for the lab portion of this course.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

There was no assessment done for the lab portion of this course.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

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6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: No

There was no assessment done for the lab portion of this course.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

There was no assessment done for the lab portion of this course.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

There was no assessment done for the lab portion of this course. It would be good to have instructors who teach the course develop lab assessment questions.

III. Course Summary and Intended Changes Based on Assessment Results

1. Based on the previous report's Intended Change(s) identified in Section I above, please discuss how effective the changes were in improving student learning.

Embedded exam questions were assessed with all sections whereas previously the questions were chosen randomly in only two sections. So already, this is a good improvement in the assessment process. Also, assessment was done pretty

regularly with the exception of summer semesters as well as no assessment was done as of Winter 2020 to the present due to the pandemic in which assessment data was not collected (inconsistency of course format and bigger instructional stress).

2. Describe your overall impression of how this course is meeting the needs of students. Did the assessment process bring to light anything about student achievement of learning outcomes that surprised you?

This course seems to be meeting the needs of students; however, there did seem to be a high rate of student withdrawal in a few sections. It was surprising that students performed better on physiology-based questions. Instructors may need to focus a bit more on anatomy.

3. Describe when and how this information, including the action plan, was or will be shared with Departmental Faculty.

I will be communicating with the course instructors as well as my department about the findings of this assessment in Fall of 2021.

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Intended Change(s)

Intended Change	Description of the change	Rationale	Implementation Date
Assessment Tool	I would like to suggest a few rewrite of questions. It would be useful to see a few more questions as well as a more diverse blend of questions for each outcome. In addition, I will suggest to Bio 109 instructors that they develop some lab assessment questions so this outcome could be assessed as well in the future.	Assessment questions need to be clearer and less confusing to students. Assessment question number and type would allow for better assessment insight	2021
Assessment Tool	Change the standard of success to 70% of the students will	The current standard of success does not work for	2022

	score 70% or higher for all outcomes.	this course. This will be a more reasonable standard.	
Other: Instructional Strategies	It would be beneficial to encourage instructors to make more connections between beginning terminology and concepts that are covered later in the course. It would also be useful for instructors to include more student practice exercises.	Students do well with practice questions/exercises in order to make more connections and be able to more effectively handle difficult exam questions.	2021

5. Is there anything that you would like to mention that was not already captured?

Everything was captured in the previous questions.
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III. Attached Files

[Bio 109 Assessment Data](#)
[Embedded Exam Questions](#)

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Department Chair: Anne Heise **Date:** 08/12/2021
Dean: Victor Vega **Date:** 08/18/2021
Assessment Committee Chair: Shawn Deron **Date:** 10/26/2021

Course Assessment Report
Washtenaw Community College

Discipline	Course Number	Title
Biology	109	BIO 109 05/22/2017- Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology
Division	Department	Faculty Preparer
Math, Science and Engineering Tech	Life Sciences	Susan Dentel
Date of Last Filed Assessment Report		

I. Assessment Results per Student Learning Outcome

Outcome 1: Use correct terminology when referring to the structure and function of the human body at all levels, including molecular, biochemical, cellular, histological and organismal.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: Multiple choice and/or short answer questions on unit exam and/or cumulative final exam
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2016
 - Course section(s)/other population: all
 - Number students to be assessed: all
 - How the assessment will be scored: item analysis
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of students will score at least 70%.
 - Who will score and analyze the data: department faculty

1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

Fall (indicate years below)	Winter (indicate years below)	SP/SU (indicate years below)
2009	2017	

2. Provide assessment sample size data in the table below.

# of students enrolled	# of students assessed
128	67

3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal, or did not complete activity.

An average of 67 students completed the exam assessments regarding the knowledge for outcome #1. I utilized the sections that faculty had available for me to do the assessment.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

Two sections of Bio 109 are normally offered during the fall and winter semesters. This assessment includes data from one section from a fall semester and one section from a winter semester. Both of these sections were regular face to face sections. I combined the old and the new data for this outcome.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

The first outcome is a relatively general one and is involved in all aspects of the course. I used the questions provided to me that related to this outcome from exams 1 through 5 (from both semesters). Students were assessed on their performance of these questions. Item analysis was performed.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: No

65% of the students (21 out of 32) scored more than 70% on the 9 questions for this outcome. The standard for success was not met.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students didn't perform well overall, but did come close to reaching the measurement of success on outcome #1. Bio 109 is almost identical to Bio 111 with the exception that there is a little more coverage in muscular anatomy due to a special emphasis for students in the PTA and radiology programs. In Bio 111, students typically perform about the same as what is seen in this result. From this assessment, it appears that students performed decently with simple terminology questions, but didn't perform as well with higher-level Bloom terminology-based questions.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

There are some questions used for outcome #1 in which less than 70% of the students answered the question correctly. Further analysis would be needed in future assessments to determine:

1. If the questions are poorly written. In this case, the solution would be to either discard the questions or rewrite them.
2. If the questions were decent, but perhaps difficult for the students, then adjustment of teaching would be needed. More emphasis in lecture, more practice and class discussion regarding the question topics might be needed.
3. Determine if the questions are truly indicative and relevant to the outcomes.

This data is questionable based on how it was collected and analyzed. In the future, a larger sample size taken over time should be used, the same questions should be used for all student sections as well as the same number of questions assessed per outcome and per student section. In addition, there will be more accurate and specific knowledge regarding the number of students enrolled and assessed. In terms of pedagogy, it seems important that instructors provide students with more practice with critical thinking and higher level question interpretation as well as more emphasis in lecture on these topics and more classroom discussion.

Outcome 2: Identify and explain the importance of homeostasis, and how it depends on events, including gene expression, that occur at the chemical and cellular level.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: Multiple choice and/or short answer questions on unit exam and/or cumulative final exam
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2016
 - Course section(s)/other population: all
 - Number students to be assessed: all
 - How the assessment will be scored: item analysis
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of students will score at least 70%.

- Who will score and analyze the data: department faculty

1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

Fall (indicate years below)	Winter (indicate years below)	SP/SU (indicate years below)
2009	2017	

2. Provide assessment sample size data in the table below.

# of students enrolled	# of students assessed
128	65

3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal, or did not complete activity.

An average of 65 students completed the exam assessments regarding the knowledge for outcome #1. I performed this assessment based on data given to me by these particular sections.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

Two sections of Bio 109 are normally offered during the fall and winter semesters. This assessment includes data from one section from a fall semester and one section from a winter semester. Both of these sections were regular face to face sections. I combined the old and the new data for this outcome.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

The second outcome is a relatively general one and is involved in all aspects of the course. I used the questions provided to me that related to this outcome from exams 1 through 5 (from both semesters). Students were assessed on their performance of these questions. Item analysis was performed.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: No
 68% of the students (20 out of 30) scored more than 70% on the 11 questions for this outcome. The standard for success was not met.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students didn't perform well overall, but did come close to reaching the measurement of success on outcome #2. Bio 109 is almost identical to Bio 111 with the exception that there is a little more coverage in muscular anatomy due to a special emphasis for students in the PTA and radiology programs. In Bio 111, students typically perform about the same or better on this outcome. From this assessment, it appears that students had a fairly decent understanding of homeostasis, but perhaps struggled with higher level questions that involved multiple steps in mentally coming up with an answer or perhaps misunderstood the language used in the question.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

There are some questions used for outcome #2 in which less than 70% of the students answered the question correctly. Further analysis would be needed in future assessments to determine:

1. If the questions are poorly written. In this case, the solution would be to either discard the questions or rewrite them.
2. If the questions were decent, but perhaps difficult for the students, then adjustment of teaching would be needed. More emphasis in lecture, more practice and class discussion regarding the question topics might be needed.
3. Determine if the questions are truly indicative and relevant to the outcomes.

This data is questionable based on how it was collected and analyzed. In the future, a larger sample size taken over time should be used, the same questions should be used for all student sections as well as the same number of questions assessed per outcome and per student section. In addition, there will be more accurate and specific knowledge regarding the number of students enrolled and assessed. In terms of pedagogy, it seems important that instructors provide students with more practice with critical thinking and higher level question interpretation as well as more emphasis in lecture on these topics and more classroom discussion.

Outcome 3: Identify the structural organization of the human body, including types of cells, tissues, body cavities, and organs.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: Multiple choice and/or short answer questions on unit exam and/or cumulative final exam
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2016
 - Course section(s)/other population: all
 - Number students to be assessed: all
 - How the assessment will be scored: item analysis
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of students will score at least 70%.
 - Who will score and analyze the data: department faculty

1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

Fall (indicate years below)	Winter (indicate years below)	SP/SU (indicate years below)
2009	2017	

2. Provide assessment sample size data in the table below.

# of students enrolled	# of students assessed
128	68

3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal, or did not complete activity.

An average of 68 students completed the exam assessments regarding the knowledge for outcome #3. I performed the assessment according to the data that was provided to me from these particular sections.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

Two sections of Bio 109 are normally offered during the fall and winter semesters. This assessment includes data from one section from a fall semester and one section from a winter semester. Both of these sections were regular face to face sections. I combined the old and the new data for this outcome.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

The third outcome is a core concept and is tested on primarily in exam 1, but also throughout the course, there is a reinforcement of these concepts as well as a deeper look at them so a few questions from exams 2-5 are also included (from both semesters). I used the questions provided to me that related to this outcome from exams 1 through 5 (from both semesters). Students were assessed on their performance of these questions. Item analysis was performed.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: No

61% of the students (19 out of 32) scored more than 70% on the 12 questions for this outcome. The standard for success was not met.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students didn't perform well overall, but did come close to reaching the measurement of success on outcome #3. Bio 109 is almost identical to Bio 111 with the exception that there is a little more coverage in muscular anatomy due to a special emphasis for students in the PTA and radiology programs. In Bio 111, students typically perform about the same or better on this outcome. From this assessment, it appears that students may have understood the location of structure, but did not have a firm grasp on the functionality of those structures.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

There are some questions used for outcome #3 in which less than 70% of the students answered the question correctly. Further analysis would be needed in future assessments to determine:

1. If the questions are poorly written. In this case, the solution would be to either discard the questions or rewrite them.
2. If the questions were decent, but perhaps difficult for the students, then adjustment of teaching would be needed. More emphasis in lecture, more practice and class discussion regarding the question topics might be needed.

3. Determine if the questions are truly indicative and relevant to the outcomes.

This data is questionable based on how it was collected and analyzed. In the future, a larger sample size taken over time should be used, the same questions should be used for all student sections as well as the same number of questions assessed per outcome and per student section. In addition, there will be more accurate and specific knowledge regarding the number of students enrolled and assessed. In terms of pedagogy, it seems important that instructors provide students with more practice with critical thinking and higher level question interpretation as well as more emphasis in lecture on these topics and more classroom discussion.

Outcome 4: Identify the major organ systems, their structures, and how those structures function to maintain homeostasis.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: Multiple choice and/or short answer questions on unit exam and/or cumulative final exam
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2016
 - Course section(s)/other population: all
 - Number students to be assessed: all
 - How the assessment will be scored: item analysis
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of students will score at least 70%.
 - Who will score and analyze the data: department faculty

1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

Fall (indicate years below)	Winter (indicate years below)	SP/SU (indicate years below)
2009	2017	

2. Provide assessment sample size data in the table below.

# of students enrolled	# of students assessed
128	64

3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal, or did not complete activity.

An average of 64 students completed the exam assessments regarding the knowledge for outcome #4. I performed the assessment based on data that was provided to me by these specific sections.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

Two sections of Bio 109 are normally offered during the fall and winter semesters. This assessment includes data from one section from a fall semester and one section from a winter semester. Both of these sections were regular face to face sections. I combined the old and the new data for this outcome.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

The fourth outcome is a core concept and is tested throughout the course and in particular on exams 2-5. I used the questions provided to me that related to this outcome from exams 1 through 5 (from both semesters). Students were assessed on their performance of these questions. Item analysis was performed.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: No

67% of the students (23 out of 34) scored more than 70% on the 8 questions for this outcome. The standard for success was not met.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

Students didn't perform well overall, but did come close to reaching the measurement of success on outcome #4. Bio 109 is almost identical to Bio 111 with the exception that there is a little more coverage in muscular anatomy due to a special emphasis for students in the PTA and radiology programs. In Bio 111, students typically perform about the same or better on this outcome. From this assessment, it appears that students had a fairly decent understanding of organ structure, but perhaps struggled with higher level questions that involved multiple steps in mentally coming up with an answer or perhaps misunderstood the language used in the question.

8. Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

There are some questions used for outcome #3 in which less than 70% of the students answered the question correctly. Further analysis would be needed in future assessments to determine:

1. If the questions are poorly written. In this case, the solution would be to either discard the questions or rewrite them.
2. If the questions were decent, but perhaps difficult for the students, then adjustment of teaching would be needed. More emphasis in lecture, more practice and class discussion regarding the question topics might be needed.
3. Determine if the questions are truly indicative and relevant to the outcomes.

This data is questionable based on how it was collected and analyzed. In the future, a larger sample size taken over time should be used, the same questions should be used for all student sections as well as the same number of questions assessed per outcome and per student section. In addition, there will be more accurate and specific knowledge regarding the number of students enrolled and assessed. In terms of pedagogy, it seems important that instructors provide students with more practice with critical thinking and higher level question interpretation as well as more emphasis in lecture on these topics and more classroom discussion.

Outcome 5: Demonstrate proficiency in lab-based skills.

- Assessment Plan
 - Assessment Tool: lab practical
 - Assessment Date: Winter 2016
 - Course section(s)/other population: all
 - Number students to be assessed: all
 - How the assessment will be scored: departmentally-developed rubric
 - Standard of success to be used for this assessment: 70% of students will score at least 70%.

- Who will score and analyze the data: department faculty

1. Indicate the Semester(s) and year(s) assessment data were collected for this report.

Fall (indicate years below)	Winter (indicate years below)	SP/SU (indicate years below)
2009	2017	

2. Provide assessment sample size data in the table below.

# of students enrolled	# of students assessed
128	0

3. If the number of students assessed differs from the number of students enrolled, please explain why all enrolled students were not assessed, e.g. absence, withdrawal, or did not complete activity.

There wasn't a collection of data for this outcome, so there wasn't an assessment performed.

4. Describe how students from all populations (day students on campus, DL, MM, evening, extension center sites, etc.) were included in the assessment based on your selection criteria.

There wasn't a collection of data for this outcome, so there wasn't an assessment performed.

5. Describe the process used to assess this outcome. Include a brief description of this tool and how it was scored.

There wasn't a collection of data for this outcome, so there wasn't an assessment performed.

6. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected for this outcome and tool during the course assessment. Discuss the extent to which students achieved this learning outcome and indicate whether the standard of success was met for this outcome and tool.

Met Standard of Success: No
 There wasn't a collection of data for this outcome, so there wasn't an assessment performed.

7. Based on your interpretation of the assessment results, describe the areas of strength in student achievement of this learning outcome.

This outcome was not assessed.

- Based on your analysis of student performance, discuss the areas in which student achievement of this learning outcome could be improved. If student met standard of success, you may wish to identify your plans for continuous improvement.

This outcome was not assessed.

II. Course Summary and Action Plans Based on Assessment Results

- Describe your overall impression of how this course is meeting the needs of students. Did the assessment process bring to light anything about student achievement of learning outcomes that surprised you?

This course hasn't been assessed for a long time. Marvin Boluyt offered his data from the 2009 semester and Lee Foley offered data from the 2017 semester. I combined the old and the new data for each outcome. While this is not ideal, it will offer some information about the success of Bio 109 students. Although, I do not normally teach this course, I was not surprised by most of the results when performing the assessment because I suspect that the success of Bio 109 students closely mimics the success of Bio 111 students because of the similar nature of the two courses.

- Describe when and how this information, including the action plan, was or will be shared with Departmental Faculty.

This data will be shared with the departmental-time faculty at a regular department meeting. This data will also be shared with the part-time instructors who most regularly teach this course and in the future will be providing the assessment data.

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Intended Change(s)

Intended Change	Description of the change	Rationale	Implementation Date
Assessment Tool	Use consistent and ongoing assessment of the Bio 109 Course. -Larger sample size -Use same questions and same number of questions per outcome and per student session	Better testing results	2017

Assessment Tool	<p>Embedded and thoroughly vetted exam questions used in both sections of Bio 109.</p> <p>Going forward, this course will be assessed every semester.</p>	<p>This will provide much more data and so will give better information regarding the success of the Bio 109 students.</p>	2017
Course Assignments	<p>Better pedagogical practices.</p> <p>-More lecture and class room discussion on specific outcome topics</p> <p>-More student practice on higher level Bloom questions</p>	<p>Increased student success</p>	2018
Other: Lack of Data	<p>Lab Outcome #5 assessed.</p> <p>I will make a plan with the part-time instructors who teach this course concerning the lab assessment and how to institute this as another part of the ongoing (every semester) course evaluation.</p>	<p>This will provide assessment information on the success of Bio 109 students in the laboratory portion of this course.</p>	2017

4. Is there anything that you would like to mention that was not already captured?

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III. Attached Files

[Bio 109 Assessment Questions](#)

[Bio 109 Data](#)

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Dean:	Kristin Good	Date: 05/30/2017
Assessment Committee Chair:	Michelle Garey	Date: 08/31/2017

COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORT

Background Information

1. Course assessed:
Course Discipline Code and Number: BIO 109
Course Title: Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology
Division/Department Codes: MNBS/LIF

2. Semester assessment was conducted (check one):
 Fall 2007
 Winter 20__
 Spring/Summer 20__

3. Assessment tool(s) used: check all that apply.
 Portfolio
 Standardized test
 Other external certification/licensure exam (specify):
 Survey
 Prompt
 Departmental exam
 Capstone experience (specify):
 Other (specify): Cumulative Final Exam and Lab Performance

4. Have these tools been used before?
 Yes
 No

If yes, have the tools been altered since its last administration? If so, briefly describe changes made.
Cumulative final exam questions are modified every semester.

5. Indicate the number of students assessed/total number of students enrolled in the course.
38/49

6. Describe how students were selected for the assessment.
all who took the final exam were assessed

Results

1. Briefly describe the changes that were implemented in the course as a result of the previous assessment.
Ongoing changes based on feedback from instructors of the Radiography Program, into which this course feeds.

2. State each outcome from the master syllabus that was assessed.
all were assessed

3. Briefly describe assessment results based on data collected during the course assessment, demonstrating the extent to which students are achieving each of the learning outcomes listed above. Please attach a summary of the data collected.
Please see attached summary. The data suggest that all outcomes were achieved.

4. For each outcome assessed, indicate the standard of success used, and the percentage of students who achieved that level of success.
The standard was 70% of the students responding correctly to clusters of questions. These percents and copies of the questions are attached.

5. Describe the areas of strength and weakness in students' achievement of the learning outcomes shown in assessment results.

Please return completed form to the Office of Curriculum & Assessment, SC 247.

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COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORT

Strengths: The assessment results indicate that the target level of successful student learning outcomes was achieved.

Weaknesses: Student performance in two areas, namely homeostasis and cellular concepts, was lower (although clearly above threshold) than in the other assessment areas.

Changes influenced by assessment results

1. If weaknesses were found (see above) or students did not meet expectations, describe the action that will be taken to address these weaknesses, along with a timeline for these actions.
Cells and homeostatic mechanisms are areas that have historically been challenging for students. Faculty in this area will be discussing these results this winter. We anticipate that technology-based approaches, such as DVD and web-based animations will be a major component. In addition, we will adjust ongoing development of lab-based case studies to specifically emphasize homeostasis. We began implementing these changes during fall 2006 based on assessment results for BIO 111 and will continue to do so during winter 2007.

2. Identify any other intended changes that will be instituted based on results of this assessment activity (check all that apply). Please describe changes and give rationale for change.
 - Master syllabus
Change/rationale:

 - Curriculum
Change/rationale:

 - Course syllabus
Change/rationale: restate objectives for better consistency with assessment tools/more careful alignment between outcome objectives and assessment tools should help students

 - Course assignments
Change/rationale:

 - Course materials (check all that apply)
 - Textbook
 - Handouts
 - Other: modify objectives (handouts and on Blackboard) for consistency with assessment tools
 Change/rationale:

 - Instructional methods
Change/rationale: We are changing the emphasis on lab quizzes from assessment to pedagogy by redesigning the quizzes to be collaborative activities.

 - Other: Cadaver Lab
Change/rationale: We will be bringing the cadaver lab online this term. We believe that this will provide a new bridge to concepts for our students and will incorporate it in future outcome assessments.

Future plans

1. Describe the extent to which the assessment tools used were effective in measuring student achievement of learning outcomes for this course.
The assessment revealed areas where students are successful as well as areas where improvement can occur. In this regard the tools were useful.
2. If the assessment tools were not effective, describe the changes that will be made for future assessments.
Assessment tools appear effective, but evaluation and modification is ongoing -- in particular, we will continue to check for consistency between stated outcome objectives and corresponding assessment tools.

COURSE ASSESSMENT REPORT

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Date: 1/5/07

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Date: 1/5/07

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Date: 1/10/07