Syracuse University

Assessment and Action Plan—Academic Degree Programs

School/College: Maxwell/ A&S

Academic Degree Program Title: History

Degree Awarded: B.A.

Web Address: http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/hist.aspx?id=124554051768

Description of Academic Degree Program: The undergraduate program, which leads to a B.A. in history, provides rigorous training in research, analysis, and writing. Because students of history learn to evaluate evidence, write well, and think clearly, the history major is excellent training for almost any career, including law, business, international affairs and journalism. Whether or not your plans include further education after Syracuse, majoring in history is a practical choice.

PHASE 1			PHASE 2		PHASE 3	
Student Learning Outcomes What are students expected to be able to do as a result of the program?	**Measures** What direct and indirect assessment measures will be used?	**Criteria** How will competency be determined?	**Results** What was learned in the assessment process?	**Interpretation** What do results mean to the program?	**Action** Based on the results and interpretation from Phase 2, what action will be taken?	**Follow-Up** How will you determine if the change made a difference?
Organize and express his/her thoughts clearly and effectively in writing.	Assessment survey based on student work in HST 401 (5-point scale) HST 401 course grade	75% of students achieve a rating of 4 or higher for this outcome 60% of students receive a grade of B- or better in HST 401				
Think critically and apply historical methods to evaluate the record of the past, including both primary and secondary sources.	Assessment survey based on student work in HST 401 (5-point scale) HST 401 course grade	75% of students achieve a rating of 4 or higher for this outcome 60% of students receive a grade of B- or better in HST 401				
Analyze and synthesize the history of their field of specialization	Assessment survey based on student work in HST 401 (5-point scale) HST 401 course grade	75% of students achieve a rating of 4 or higher for this outcome 60% of students receive a grade of B- or better in HST 401				

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Identify and discuss key debates among historians within their fields of specialization.	Assessment survey based on student work in HST 401 (5-point scale) HST 401 course grade	75% of students achieve a rating of 4 or higher for this outcome 60% of students receive a grade of B- or better in HST 401				
Deploy historical skills and knowledge to conceptualize and write a paper using primary and secondary sources.	Assessment survey based on student work in HST 401 (5-point scale) HST 401 course grade	75% of students achieve a rating of 4 or higher for this outcome 60% of students receive a grade of B- or better in HST 401				
Conduct original research, including the effective use of libraries and databases.	Assessment survey based on student work in HST 401 (5-point scale) HST 401 course grade	75% of students achieve a rating of 4 or higher for this outcome 60% of students receive a grade of B- or better in HST 401				

Recommendations for improving the degree program assessment processes:

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