

**Department of Business and Information Systems**  
**Program Assessment**  
(Aligned to TaskStream Assessment Software)

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Individual parts of the report should be entered into designated areas.)

Department

**Business and Information Systems**

Program

**Accounting – A.S.**

Preparer/Contact Person & Department Chair

**Prof. Paul Jajairam and Prof. Howard Clampman (Chairperson)**

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## Standing Requirements



### Mission Statement (Program Description and Goals)

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### 1. Learning Objective/Outcomes

#### Students completing the program in . . .

1. Demonstrate the ability to discuss business organizations and management functions in written and oral forms.
2. Prepare and analyze financial statements for internal and external decision-making.
3. Demonstrate accounting skills on an intermediate level.
4. Utilize and incorporate basic business technology to produce business documents, spreadsheets and databases.
5. Demonstrate a proficiency in performing statistical calculations required in a business setting.

## 2. Document Archive

Save this template and upload it in the archive area as: **Business Administration-Accounting (A.S.) Spring 2016-17 (Final – PJ)**

### **2016-2017 Assessment Cycle**

## 3. Assessment Plan: Outcomes to be assessed, Tools and Targets

### **Check Out**

#### **Mission Statement (Should already be populated from the standing requirements- Edit if necessary)**

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#### **Measures/Select Set (Select existing outcome set and check off the ones to be assessed this cycle)**

##### **Outcome 2**

Prepare and analyze financial statements for internal and external decision-making.

**Measures/Add New Measure** (Here you will provide information regarding your tools, your targets, and/or rubrics used for analysis) Add as many as necessary and if applicable.

SLO #2 - Prepare and analyze financial statements for internal and external decision-making.

**Measure #1 Title:** Students will be able to prepare 3 out of the 4 required financial statements per Mandatory Project.

**Measure Type/Method:** Direct - Other

**Measure Level:** Program Level

**Details/Description**

Students will be able to demonstrate the understanding in preparing the Income Statement, Owner's Equity Statement, and Balance Sheet.

**Acceptable Target:**

80% of students will earn a grade of 70% or better (C- or better).

**Ideal Target:**

N/A

**Implementation Plan (timeline):**

Annually

**Key/Responsible Personnel:**

Prof. Paul Jaijairam and Prof. Howard Clampman (Chairperson)

**Supporting Attachments:**

**Measure #2 Title:** Students will be able to prepare 1 out of the 4 required financial statement per Mandatory Project.

**Measure Type/Method:** Direct - Other

**Measure Level:** Program Level

**Details/Description:**

Students will be able to demonstrate the understanding in preparing the Statement of Cash Flows.

**Acceptable Target:**

70% of students will be able to score an 80 or above (B- or better).

**Ideal Target:**

N/A

**Implementation Plan (timeline):**

Annually

**Key/Responsible Personnel:**

Prof. Paul Jaijairam and Prof. Howard Clampman (Chairperson)

**Supporting Attachments:**

**Measure #3 Title:** Students will compute various financial ratios using financial statements to facilitate decision-making.

**Measure Type/Method:** Direct - Other

**Measure Level:** Program Level

**Details/Description:**

Students will be able to compute the various financial ratios using the financial statements to facilitate the decision-making process.

**Acceptable Target:**

70% of students will be able to score an 80 or above (B- or better).

**Ideal Target:**

N/A

**Implementation Plan (timeline):**

Annually

**Key/Responsible Personnel:**

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**Supporting Attachments:**

Check In

 **4. Assessment Findings: Findings per Measure, Overall Recommendations, Overall Reflection**

**Check Out**

**Findings per Measure #1**

**Measure Title:** Students will be able to prepare 3 out of the 4 required financial statements per Mandatory Project.

**Measure Type/Method:** Direct - Other

**Measure Level:** Program Level

**Findings** for students will be able to prepare 3 out of the 4 required financial statements per Mandatory Project.

**Summary of Findings:**

76% of students scored 70 or above the benchmark. This is 4% below the performance measure or standard of 80%.

**Recommendations:**

Students are having slight difficulties with preparing the income statement, statement of owner's equity, and the balance sheet.

ACC 111 instructors will provide additional examples in each course section on preparing financial statements as this performance standard is 4% down compared to the performance benchmark. This assessment report will also be shared and discussed with all ACC 111 instructors.

**Reflections/Notes:**

It should be noted that this measure was below the benchmark in spring 2016 and there was an improvement of 5% of this measure compared to spring 2016.

**Acceptable Target Achievement:**

Not Met

**Ideal Target Achievement:**

Approaching

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**Measure Type/Method:** Direct - Other

**Measure Level:** Program Level

**Findings** for students will be able to prepare 1 out of the 4 required financial statements per Mandatory Project.

**Summary of Findings:**

98% of students scored 80 or above the benchmark. This is 28% above the performance measure or standard of 70%.

**Recommendations:**

Students are not having difficulties with preparing the Statement of Cash Flows.

**Reflections/Notes:**

In the spring 2016 semester, only 57% of students scored 80 or above the benchmark on this measure.

**Acceptable Target Achievement:**

Met

**Ideal Target Achievement:**

Exceed

**Substantiating Evidence:**

**Findings per Measure #3**

**Measure Title:** Students will compute various financial ratios using financial statements to facilitate decision-making per Mandatory Project.

**Measure Type/Method:** Direct - Other

**Measure Level:** Program Level

**Findings** for students will compute various financial ratios using financial statements to facilitate decision-making per Mandatory Project.

**Summary of Findings:**

77% of students will scored 80 or above the benchmark. This is 7% above the performance measure or standard of 70%.

**Recommendations:**

Students are not having difficulties with analyzing financial statements.

**Reflections/Notes:**

In the spring 2016 semester, only 67% of students scored 80 or above the benchmark on this measure.

**Acceptable Target Achievement:**

Met

**Ideal Target Achievement:**

Exceed

**Substantiating Evidence:**

**Overall Recommendations:**

Students will need to work on improving in the preparation of the following financial statements:

- 1) Income Statement
- 2) Statement of Owner's Equity
- 3) Balance Sheet

Faculty members will provide additional reinforcement (i.e. additional in class exercises) so that students can master the above 3 financial statements.

Students that are still having difficulties will be recommended to seek tutoring which the Department offers as well as Supplemental Instructions (SI).

**Check In**

**Overall Reflections:**

Prior to the fall 2016 semester, students were having difficulties with the preparing of the Statement of Cash Flows, and analyzing financial statements.

The action plan over the course of these semesters were to provide additional examples in the classroom and request that students attend tutoring and SI.

It appears that the past recommended action plan has worked in terms of closing the loop.

 **5. Action Plan: Directions on “Closing the Loop”**

<b>Check Out (create an operational action plan)</b>
<b>Mission Statement (Should already be populated)</b>
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<b>Actions/Select Set (Should already be populated)</b>
<b>Add New Action 1: Attend Tutoring and increase in class exercises.</b>
<p><b>Action Detail:</b>  Students will attend tutoring which is offered by the Department. In addition, instructors will do more in class exercises to reinforce this measure.</p> <p><b>Implementation Plan (timeline):</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>Key/Responsible Personnel:</b> Prof. Paul Jaijairam and Prof. Howard Clampman (Chairperson)  <b>Measure:</b> N/A  <b>Priority level:</b> Medium  <b>Supporting Attachments:</b> N/A</p>
<b>Add New Action 2:</b>
<p><b>Action Detail:</b></p> <p><b>Implementation Plan (timeline):</b>  <b>Key/Responsible Personnel:</b>  <b>Measure:</b>  <b>Priority level:</b>  <b>Supporting Attachments:</b></p>
<b>Outcome 6</b>
<b>Add New Action 1:</b>
<p><b>Action Detail:</b></p>



**Implementation Plan (timeline):**

**Key/Responsible Personnel:**

**Measure:**

**Priority level:**

**Supporting Attachments:**

**Check In**

 **6. Status Report**

**Check Out**

The Department, mainly each course coordinator, will communicate with instructors at various stages of the semester, to reinforce the findings from the previous semesters and the action plan(s) that are in place.

**Check In**

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