



What We Do

- Provide expert guidance in the assessment of student learning outcomes
- Assist with the selection and development of effective assessment tools
- Implement large-scale assessment events
- Collect and analyze reliable student learning data
- Report assessment results to internal and external stakeholders
- Promote faculty-owned assessment activities
- Collaborate with academic services to enhance student resources

“Thanks to this valuable, systematic approach, faculty members can improve their teaching. Evaluation and Assessment’s final exam analysis will help us indicate areas where students need additional support.”

Elizabeth Mulherrin,
Academic director, LIBS 150
and Women’s Studies, and
collegiate associate professor,
School of Undergraduate Studies

Outcomes Assessment

Learn to Assess. Assess to Learn.

Maintaining competitiveness in the world of higher education means UMUC must provide students a quality education that helps them reach their personal and professional goals. Our institutional well-being demands that we hold ourselves accountable for what our students learn, and the Office of Evaluation and Assessment works tirelessly to ensure that we reach that ideal.

No matter what your relationship to the university is—whether you’re an administrator, faculty member, student, or other stakeholder—Evaluation and Assessment is on your side, working to make a UMUC degree or certificate the best value in higher education.

How Everyone Benefits

By assessing student learning, Evaluation and Assessment can provide data to help UMUC

- Clarify the university’s mission
- Identify and highlight its achievements and successes
- Enable administrators to make sound decisions about strategic goals, resource allocation, areas needing improvement, and more
- Support activities that result in improved student learning
- Allow leadership to make stronger, more focused appeals for increased state and corporate funding



By implementing learning assessment, Evaluation and Assessment can offer faculty the information they need to

- Show how specific degree and certificate programs help students reach educational goals
- Focus instructional resources where they are needed most
- Accurately document student progress
- Eliminate redundancies in curricula
- Foster interdisciplinary relationships that help students succeed

By continually assessing how and what students learn, UMUC is able to

- Offer courses that deliver what is promised and that meet expectations set forth by academic societies and professional associations
- Provide degree and certificate programs that bring goals within reach
- Offer benchmarks for comparing one's own learning with that of one's peers
- Give clear evidence of an institutional commitment to constantly improving university programs and services

Remember, Evaluation and Assessment works to assure that we deliver what we promise—and that benefits everyone at UMUC.

Mission statement

The mission of the Office of Evaluation and Assessment is to provide institution-wide leadership in the assessment of student learning. The office seeks to foster excellence in educational practice by nurturing a culture of learning assessment at the institutional, school, program, and course levels. It helps academic programs to develop learning outcomes, select and develop appropriate assessment tools, and analyze and report student learning data and assures that these data are used in formulating institutional and academic decisions. In addition to serving as an assessment resource for the university community, Evaluation and Assessment plays a central role in regional accreditation and state compliance with student learning expectations.

ABOUT UMUC

University of Maryland University College (UMUC) is one of the 11 degree-granting institutions of the University System of Maryland. The global university specializes in high-quality, career-oriented degree and nondegree programs tailored to the needs of today's working adults.

UMUC has earned a worldwide reputation for excellence as a comprehensive virtual university and, through a combination of classroom and distance-learning formats, provides educational opportunities for life-long learning to students in Maryland, as well as throughout the United States and the world. UMUC serves its students through undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs, noncredit leadership development and customized programs, and conference services at its Inn and Conference Center in Adelphi, Maryland. For more information regarding UMUC and its programs, visit www.umuc.edu.

"Working with Evaluation and Assessment has helped us use the final exam as an assessment tool to really see what students are learning and take a good look at any problematic questions or material. The staff is knowledgeable and friendly and has always been available to answer my questions, and the Web page offers even more helpful resources."

Julie Arnold, UCSP 611 course manager, Information and Library Services and adjunct assistant professor, Graduate School of Management and Technology

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