

General Studies BS Assessment Plan

Assessment plans for academic programs should contain the following information:

I. Mission statement

The mission of the School of Sciences is to provide students with the academic, research, and experiential background that will enable majors to pursue meaningful careers or additional education in STEM-related fields, or to meet general education or program requirements in other majors. Students graduating from the School of Sciences will be lifelong learners and able to make positive contributions in a world facing challenges in quantitative and scientific literacy, public health, sustainability, and technological advancements.

II. Student learning outcomes

1. University Objectives
2. Student Goals
3. Enabling Future Plans
4. IU Kokomo Experience

Goal 1: Graduates will demonstrate how their degree program, as they have developed, meets the standards of excellence of Indiana University and the objectives of a liberal arts baccalaureate degree.
Measure Description: Students will write the University Objectives paper as part of their Capstone dossier.

Benchmark: All students will complete the paper.

Goal 2: Graduates will identify Educational Objectives that they value and describe how those goals were achieved in specific courses.

Measure Description: Students will write the Student Goals paper as part of their Capstone dossier.

Benchmark: All students will complete the paper.

Goal 3: Graduates will reflect on their academic experience and explain how their degree will assist them in their future plans.

Measure Description: Students will write the Future Plans paper as part of their Capstone dossier.

Benchmark: All students will complete the paper.

Goal 4: Graduates will evaluate their degree program experience through only those courses taken at IU Kokomo.

Measure Description: Students will complete the BGS Graduate Survey.

Benchmark: All students will complete the paper.

Curriculum map

All assessment is contained in the capstone course SSCI-S 425 General Studies Capstone, which is a degree requirement. This is necessary due to the flexibility of the Bachelors of General Studies degree for students that enter the program as freshman and the varied academic backgrounds of students that transfer into the Bachelors of General Studies degree from IU Kokomo and other campuses.

Assessment Plan

The General Studies Capstone Course will be offered every semester in as many sections as necessary to enable General Studies students to complete their degree requirement and be assessed. Every General Studies student will write a reflective dossier over their academic experience and complete the Bachelor of General Studies Graduate Survey in the Capstone course.