

Assessment Plan

2020-21



Program - Honors Program

University Mission: George Fox University, a Christ-centered community, prepares students spiritually, academically, and professionally to think with clarity, act with integrity, and serve with passion.

Program Mission: Provide an excellent great books education that forms students to be Christian thinkers who will go forth into the world and strengthen the church in the 21st century

Alignment With GFU Mission: Aligns most strongly with CT1 (Liberal Arts Foundation) and CT3 (Christ-centered Community), as well as CT4 (Local and Global Engagement).

Degree Outcomes:

Students will grow in:

- writing proficiency
- reading comprehension
- presentation competence
- charitable discourse
- collaborative problem-solving
- analytical and critical thinking
- adaptability and creativity

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Outcome: Outcome 1.1 - Great Conversation

Graduates will demonstrate familiarity with the Great Conversation, synthesizing ideas from across the curriculum in order to respond to a question of contemporary concern.

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Core Theme #1: Liberal Arts Foundation

Assessment Tools

Capstone Assignment - Honors senior theses (Active)

Target: 80% of students will earn a 'B' (better than competent) or higher on the senior thesis.

Schedule for Data Collection: Annually by May 31st (beginning 2018, when we have our first graduating class)

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: Annually by August 15th (beginning 2018)

Related Goals

Program - Honors Program

Program Goal - The WPHP will form students intellectually and provide a rigorous, text-based foundation in the wisdom of the ages.

Outcome: Outcome 1.2 - Intellectual Growth

Students will grow intellectually in the program

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Core Theme #1: Liberal Arts Foundation

Program - Honors Program

Assessment Tools

Survey - First-year student exit surveys (Active)

Target: On a scale of 1-5, 70% of first-year students indicate intellectual growth over the past year at a level of 4 or above.

Schedule for Data Collection: Annually by May 15th

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: Annually by August 15th

Survey - Fourth-year student exit surveys (Active)

Target: On a scale of 1-5, 85% of first-year students indicate intellectual growth over the past four years at a level of 4 or above.

Schedule for Data Collection: annually by May 31st (beginning in 2018)

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually by August 15th (beginning in 2018)

Related Goals

Program - Honors Program

Program Goal - The WPHP will form students intellectually and provide a rigorous, text-based foundation in the wisdom of the ages.

Outcome: Outcome 1.3 - Academic Excellence

WPHP students will excel academically, both within and beyond the program.

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Core Theme #1: Liberal Arts Foundation

Assessment Tools

WPHP Student GPAs (Active)

Target: 60% of our students maintain at least a 3.7 overall GPA

Schedule for Data Collection: annually by May 31st

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually by August 15th

Related Goals

Program - Honors Program

Program Goal - The WPHP will form students intellectually and provide a rigorous, text-based foundation in the wisdom of the ages.

Outcome: Outcome 2.1 - Spiritual Formation

The WPHP will offer optional and mandatory extracurricular opportunities for spiritual formation

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Core Theme #3: Christ Centered Community

Assessment Tools

Spiritual Formation Events (Active)

Program - Honors Program

Target: Host at least 8 events per year.
Schedule for Data Collection: annually by May 31st
Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually by August 15th

Related Goals

Program - Honors Program

Program Goal - The WPHP will cultivate a Christ-centered learning community.

Outcome: Outcome 2.2 - Spiritual Growth

Students in the WPHP will grow spiritually while in the program

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Core Theme #3: Christ Centered Community

Assessment Tools

Survey - First-year exit surveys (Active)

Target: 60% of first-year students indicate they have grown spiritually because of this program in that past year

Schedule for Data Collection: annually by May 31

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually by Aug 15

Survey - Fourth-year exit surveys (Active)

Target: 75% of students indicate they have grown spiritually over the course of the four-year program.

Schedule for Data Collection: annually May 31st (beginning in 2018)

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually Aug 15th (beginning 2018)

Related Goals

Program - Honors Program

Program Goal - The WPHP will cultivate a Christ-centered learning community.

Outcome: Outcome 3.1 - Social Growth

Students will grow socially and personally in the program.

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Core Theme #3: Christ Centered Community

Assessment Tools

Survey - First-year exit surveys (Active)

Target: 60% of first-year students indicate they have grown socially because of this program in that past year

Schedule for Data Collection: annually May 31

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually Aug 15

Survey - Fourth-year exit surveys (Active)

Target: 75% of first-year students indicate they have grown socially over the course of the four-year program.

Schedule for Data Collection: annually May 31 (beginning 2018)

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Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually Aug 15 (beginning 2018)

Related Goals

Program - Honors Program

Program Goal - The WPHP will form a tight-knit community, in which students will flourish personally and socially.

Outcome: Outcome 4.1 - Lecture Series

The WPHP will host public lectures featuring a mix of regionally, nationally, and internationally known lecturers.

Outcome Status: Inactive

OutcomeType: Core Theme #4: Local & Global Engagement

Inactive Date: 05/15/2018

Related Goals

Program - Honors Program

Program Goal - The WPHP will foster local and global engagement.

Outcome: Outcome 4.1 Local Church Involvement

Students will be actively involved in local church communities.

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Core Theme #4: Local & Global Engagement

Start Date: 08/27/2018

Assessment Tools

Survey - Senior exit survey (Active)

Target: 60% of our graduating seniors attend a local church on at least a monthly basis.

Schedule for Data Collection: Data collected at the end of each academic year (by May 15th).

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: Data analyzed and entered by August 15th annually.

Outcome: Outcome 4.2 - Non-Western Texts

As part of the WPHP curriculum, students will engage with texts outside the traditional Western canon.

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Core Theme #4: Local & Global Engagement

Assessment Tools

HNRS course syllabi (Active)

Target: Every course includes at least two non-Western texts

Schedule for Data Collection: annually by May 31

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually by Aug 15

Related Goals

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Program Goal - The WPHP will foster local and global engagement.

Outcome: Outcome 5.1 - First-Year Retention

The vast majority of admitted WPHP students will continue with the program after the freshman year

Outcome Status: Active

Assessment Tools

Retention data (Active)

Target: 85% of the admitted freshman cohort will continue in the WPHP into the sophomore year.

Schedule for Data Collection: annually by May 31

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually by Aug 15

Related Goals

Program - Honors Program

Program Goal - The WPHP will attract and retain high-caliber students.

Outcome: Outcome 5.2 - Recruitment

WPHP will attract/recruit applicants who excel academically.

Outcome Status: Active

Assessment Tools

Incoming student GPA averages. (Active)

Target: The average GPA of our incoming admitted students is 3.7 or higher.

Schedule for Data Collection: annually by May 31

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually by Aug 15

Incoming student SAT averages (Active)

Target: The average SAT score is above 1290

Schedule for Data Collection: Annually by May 15

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: Annually by Aug 15

Incoming student ACT averages (Active)

Target: The average ACT score is 27 or above

Schedule for Data Collection: Annually by May 15

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: Annually by Aug 15

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Outcome: Outcome 5.3 - Applicant Pool Growth

Our applicant pool will grow steadily over the next five years.

Outcome Status: Active

Assessment Tools

Annual applicant pool data (Active)

Target: 20% growth over the next five years (from 2016-17 numbers)

Schedule for Data Collection: annually by May 31

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: annually by Aug 15

Related Goals

Program - Honors Program

Program Goal - The WPHP will attract and retain high-caliber students.

Outcome: Outcome 5.4 - Stay-at-GFU Retention Rate

The vast majority of the students that enroll in the honors program remain at George Fox University.

Outcome Status: Active

OutcomeType: Administration, Research

Start Date: 08/27/2017

Assessment Tools

Retention data, collected each academic year. (Active)

Target: 90% of the students who enroll in the honors program are still enrolled at GFU.

Schedule for Data Analysis & Reporting: Yearly, May.