Student Learning Outcomes

WELCOME TO UHCL AMS – ACCOUNTABILITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

This Guide provides step-by-step information about navigating through the system and entering Student Learning Outcomes into your assessment plan.

HOW DO I ACCESS AMS?
Login is now: https://www.uhcl.edu/about/administrative-offices/taskstream/ although www.uhcl.edu/taskstream will redirect you.

Use your UHCL credentials to login (same userID and password as email)

If you have login issues or need an account set-up, please contact OIE

Technical Problems: Taskstream Mentoring Services help@taskstream.com 1-800-311-5656 press 2
Your Welcome page will show your assigned workspaces, which are departments and programs that you can access.

To begin entering information or data in Taskstream, you need to click open the Assessment Plan.

Once the assessment cycle is open, you will see a menu on the left showing the sections included in the assessment plan: **Standing Requirements** and **Assessment Cycle**
Each section contains items where you will enter information and data regarding your assessment activities.
STANDING REQUIREMENTS

This area contains a set of outcomes that you will assess in order to determine if your program/department is functioning well. Standing Requirements are components of your program/department that typically remain steady over time and are not usually associated with cyclical review. However, these items should be assessed by the program/department annually to ensure accuracy. Standing Requirements will vary depending on type of program: Academic, Co-Curricular, and Administrative.

CREATING STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

You choose which outcomes you want to assess for the current cycle based on the Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) you set up in the Standing Requirements section of your assessment workspace. Only include outcomes in the plan you want to assess for that cycle.

- **Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)** focus on student learning that is consistent with the program’s mission and goals. SLOs are clear statements that describe/specify the expected knowledge, skills, attitudes, abilities, values, and/or competencies that students are expected to acquire/demonstrate upon completion or participation in a program, activity, course, or project.

  - What do you want the students to know? (content knowledge or understanding)
  - What do you want the students to be able to do? (abilities, skills, or competencies)
  - What do you want the students to care about? (values, attitudes)

When writing SLOs, use student-focused language, include action verbs, and ensure that the learning outcomes demonstrate actionable attributes. In addition, each outcome needs a short, logical title that allows you to easily recognize which outcome you are assessing.

Below are examples of Outcome titles (line 1 of each bullet point) and Student Learning Outcome descriptions (lines 2-3 of each bullet point).

- **Create Works of Art**
  Students will be able to use basic vector, 3D design, video, and web technologies in the creation of works of art.

- **Magnetic Fields**
  Students will be able to calculate the magnitude and direction of magnetic fields created by moving electric charges.

- **Communication**
  Students will develop the ability to communicate effectively through writing and speaking by observing, reading, listening, and using appropriate information technologies.

- **Information and Ideas**
  Students will develop the disposition and skills to strategize, gather, organize, create, refine, analyze, and evaluate the credibility of relevant information and ideas.
ENTERING STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES INTO THE ASSESSMENT PLAN

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1. First, click on Student Learning Outcomes on the left side of the screen. Then click “Check Out” in order to enter/edit an area.

2. Review your Student Learning Outcomes for accuracy.

3. If you will assess these Outcomes and do not need to add a new one in the upcoming cycle, skip to the section on Program Outcomes. To add a new outcome, click Create New Outcome.
4. Give the new Outcome a short, logical title that will enable you to easily recognize which outcome you are assessing.

5. Describe/specify the expected knowledge, skills, attitudes, abilities, values, and/or competencies that students are expected to acquire/demonstrate upon completion or participation in a program, activity, course, or project. When finished, click Continue.

6. The next screen will ask if you want to update other areas with this new Outcome. If so, click in the appropriate box(es) and then Update Selected Areas. **Only check boxes pertaining to the new Outcome. Do not check boxes for previous years.** If you do not need to update other area(s), click Do Not Update Other Areas – Return to Workspace.

7. The new Outcome will need to be “mapped” because there needs to be a direct link between a program’s educational objectives and the learning outcomes included in the assessment plan. Click Add mapping.
8. Select Goal sets distributed to your program using the drop-down box. Then click Go. Click the third radio button and then click Continue.

9. You will need to map to the third set above. Click in the third radio button and then click Continue.

10. This window contains a list of UHCL University Learning Outcomes (ULO). You will check the boxes that apply to your new Outcome. Then click either the top or bottom Continue button.
11. You will be taken back to the Outcome Set screen. Repeat these steps if you need to map to Core Curriculum Objectives (first radio button).

12. Check the boxes that apply to your new Outcome.

13. Once all of your Outcomes are added, you are ready to move on. Click the Check In button to exit.