

Five Year Assessment Plan Master of Social Work

As an externally accredited program, the Department of Social Work assesses all students in all PLOs every year. We will be going through re-affirmation with the Council on Social Work Education in 2018, and thus will be required to submit a report detailing all of our assessment results over the previous several years. In our assessments, we compare first and second-year students to evaluate progress over the course of the program. We also make comparisons between our part-time and full-time students, to ensure that students in both programs are making equivalent progress.

We assess our students primarily by:

Field Instructor Ratings of Student Progress (ALL PLOs, all students, every year)

Integrative Seminar final paper rubric scores (ALL PLOs, all students, every year)

Student Entrance and Exit surveys (ALL PLOs, all students, every year)

Alumni Survey (ALL PLOs, all alumni invited to participate, every 2-3 years)

In addition to the above assessment activities, with the semester conversion, we will begin offering our SW 600: Human Behavior and the Social Environment course as a UWSR course. As such, we will do more detailed assessment of student writing to ensure that it meets graduate writing standards.

Closing the Loop: We meet several times a year, in small committees and as a whole faculty, to discuss assessment results. Based on assessment results, we make program changes. For example, the decision to make our SW 600 course more writing-intensive is based in part on results of assessments showing that students need more support in their writing.