

Music Department

Assessment Plan 2007

The goal of the assessment plan of the Music Department is to provide faculty with on-going and meaningful information to help improve learning outcomes. The following assessment procedures are used:

1. Senior Exit Survey

- Exit surveys are administered to graduating students in the senior seminar courses every semester.

2. Alumni Survey

- Alumni are tracked and periodically surveyed regarding their graduate studies, employment history and satisfaction with their preparation.

3. Syllabus Review and Update

- As part of the program review cycle syllabi are reviewed in terms of addressing program goal and are updated.

4. Senior Project Evaluations

- Senior projects take the form of recitals with accompanying paper and program notes, a research paper of substantial length, composition and/or recording with accompanying paper. Evaluations are the responsibility of the directing faculty member who generally ask for evaluative commentary from other faculty members. In the event of a recital, the performance is recorded and archived in the music library.

5. Recital & Concert Evaluations

- Using a rubric, two adjunct faculty evaluate a random sampling of recorded performances.

6. Content analysis of comments in course evaluations

- As part of the program review cycle, a random sample of comments from all courses offered during an academic year are content analyzed to assess the classroom experiences of students.