Redesigning HIST 2111 at UWG: Challenges and Successes

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About Us

G2C Lead Faculty for HIST 2111

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Campus Stats

- Total Enrollment: Record 13,520 in fall 2017
- Students must take 1 World (HIST 1111/1112) and 1 US (HIST 2111/2112) in order to graduate
- Student Success: Record incoming average freshman GPA of 3.21 in fall 2017.
- Geographic Reach:
 Students from 38 states and 73 countries



The Timeline

AY16: A Plan is Born

- Link to SACS Assessment
- Create Standard Learning
 Outcomes
- > Align Course Assignments to SLOs
- Early Formative Assessment and Feedback within First 3 Weeks
- Pilot among Lead Faculty in AY17
- > Goal: 20% DFW Rate

AY17: Piloted Among Lead Faculty

AY18: Implemented Across All Sections

 Link with SACS assessment and LEAP-West



HIST 1112 SLOs

- Identify and explain the political, social, economic, and cultural dimensions of US history
- Interpret primary and/or secondary sources



Develop critical thinking skills

All assignments are aligned with the above SLOs



Formative Assessments

High Impact Practices Currently In Use:

Online/In-Class Discussions Unit or Chapter Quizzes **Group Activities** Short Essays **Reaction Papers Creative Writing Pieces** Unit Reflective Essays Photo Diaries **Journal Entries Instagram Posts** Facebook Group Posts **Book Essays Primary Source Analyses**



Success with G2C

Current G2C Reach for HIST 2111

Fall 2018: →7 Faculty →482 students

Spring 2019:
→8 Faculty
→estimated 614 students

DFW Rates

AY Average pre-G2C 23%

- Fall 2016: 17.6% (pre-G2C)
- > Fall 2018 (to date): 11.3%

Professors Report:

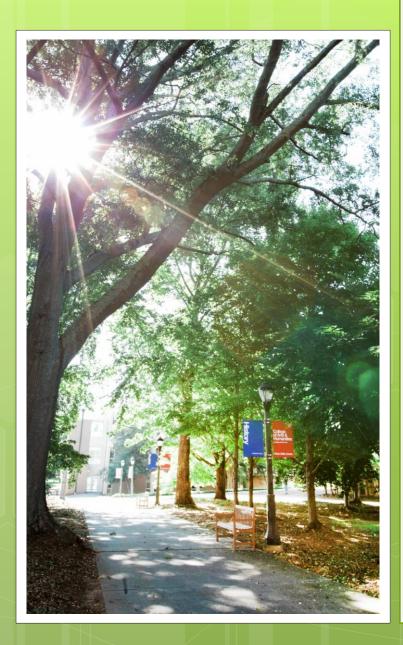
- More student engagement
- > Higher midterm exam grades
- Student improvement based on specific feedback
- Fewer Ws (3 sections with 0!)



Finding and Implementing a Common Assessment Tool.

Yen That's it





Future Plans

- Expanding Early Alert
- Contacting DF and At Risk Students via email
- Posting Midterm Grades with a Progress Report
- Posting Class Average Grades 2 weeks before the Final Exam with feedback
- Working with the UWG Center for Teaching and Learning about improving student engagement
 - > TILT Workshop Sept 7, 2018
- Introducing G2C to UWG's Department of History HIST 1111, HIST 1112, & HIST 2112 Assessment Committees
- Common Indirect and Direct Assessment Tools



Thank You!

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