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
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
① Identify and explain the political, social, economic, and cultural dimensions of US history

② Interpret primary and/or secondary sources

③ 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!)
Challenges

Finding and Implementing a Common Assessment Tool.

Yep. 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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