

PROGRAM REVIEW Fall 2022

Program: Religious Studies

Division: Arts and Humanities

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Audience: Deans, Vice Presidents of Student Services and Academic Services, All Planning and Allocation Committees. This document will be available to the public.

Uses: This Program Review will be used to inform the campus and community about your program. It will also be used in creating Division Summaries, determining College Planning Priorities, and allocating resources. The final use is to document fulfillment of accreditation requirements.

Please note: Program Review is NOT in itself a vehicle for making requests. All requests should be made through appropriate processes (e.g., Instructional Equipment Request Process) or directed to your Dean or supervisor.

Time Frame: This Program Review should reflect on program status during the 2022-23 academic year. It should describe plans starting now and continuing through 2023-24.

Sections: There are two sections to this document. Sections and questions identify the name of the committee or office that will use the information and where you can get additional help.

- The first section focuses on general program reflection and planning.
- The second section focuses on data analysis, including SLOs/SAOs/PSLOs
- The final section is a review of your pathway maps and curriculum, to be filled out only by programs with curriculum offerings.

Topics: The Program Review Glossary defines key terms. Writers should review this glossary before writing: <https://bit.ly/2LqPxOW>

For Help: Contact Nadiyah Taylor: ntaylor@laspositascollege.edu.

A list of contacts for help with specific sections is provided on the Program Review website under the “tools for writers” tab. [<https://bit.ly/3fY7Ead>]

Instructions:

- 1) Please respond to each question with enough detail to present your information, but it doesn't have to be very long.
- 2) If the requested information does not apply to your program, write "Not Applicable."
- 3) Optional/suggested: Communicate with your dean while completing this document.
- 4) Send an electronic copy of this form to Nadiyah Taylor and your dean **by November 1, 2022**

Helpful Links:

[Program Review Home Page](#)

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Throughout this document you'll see that equity is a guiding principle.

Here is the LPC definition:

Las Positas College will achieve equity by changing the impacts of structural racism, ableism, homophobia, and systematic poverty on student success and access to higher education, achieved through continuous evaluation and improvement of all services. We believe in a high-quality education focused on learning and an inclusive, culturally-relevant environment that meets the diverse needs of all our students.

LPC Equity Definition: Equity is parity in student educational outcomes. It places student success and belonging for students of color and disproportionately impacted students at the center of focus.

Section One: Your Program In 21-22 – Please check N/A where relevant

A. Accomplishments: Identify accomplishments from the 21-22 AY.

Some areas you may want to note in your explanation are:

- Did your accomplishments support your program's plans identified in 21-22 PR
- Did they relate to guided pathways, and/or
- Did they support areas in the equity definition above

_____ N/A

Accomplishments
1 The Religious Studies program acquired a portable Labyrinth in May of last year. The large size of the Labyrinth will necessitate the purchase of a tarp so that the Labyrinth can be used both indoors and outdoors. Additionally, the Labyrinth is beautiful and will provide excellent curricular support for the RELS 1 class.
2 The Rels Program Review last year identified research and development of a Mindfulness program as a goal. The RELS faculty sabbatical leave proposal is focused on this area and includes researching and developing a Mindfulness program proposal for the college.
3 The RELS program offered RELS 1 at the FCI Dublin Women's Prison as part of a collaboration between FCI Dublin and Las Positas College. The students did amazing work under very difficult learning conditions. A rich partnership with Library staff, primarily, Kali Rippel, provided immeasurable support in allowing students' access to instructional support materials that met the FCI guidelines for allowable materials. It was a challenging and rewarding accomplishment.
4 The Women's Spirituality class was offered twice last year, both online and face to face.
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B. Challenges, Pain Points, and Needs:

What significant challenges or obstacles did your Program face during AY 21-22 especially related to accomplishing program goals/plans? You may want to consider areas in the equity definition on page 2.

_____ N/A

Challenges/Pain Points/Needs
1. Declining Enrollment in the RELS classes continues to be a point of concern. With enrollment decreasing across the college and within the RELS classes as a whole, it is difficult to develop momentum.
2. Most of the RELS classes are offered online because it is the online classes that are attracting student interest and enrollment. However, this limits opportunities for face to face instruction and deeper engagement with students.
3. The Labyrinth needs a tarp.
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C. Reflecting on your program's experiences from 2020 - to 2022, what innovations or new processes did you integrate that you would like to continue?

_____ N/A

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D. Explain one way that your program is connected to the College Mission and/or Educational Master Plan. Identify the specific elements.

- [College Mission](#)
- [Educational Master Plan](#) (see pages 72-76)

_____ N/A

The Las Positas College Mission statement could be applied to the Religious Studies program individually. The Rels classes provide an inclusive, learning-centered, equity-focused environment that offers educational opportunities for completion of students' transfer, degree, and career-technical goals while promoting lifelong learning. Much in the Rels curriculum mirrors the values identified in the College Mission statement.

E. Planning: What are the most important plans, either new or continuing, for your Program?

_____ N/A

Plan	New	Continuing	Short term	Long term
Writing Mindfulness Curriculum	x			
Visiting other college Mindfulness programs	x			
Creating a proposal for a Mindfulness program at Las Positas College.	x			
Continuing to advocate for an outdoor Labyrinth, meditation gardens and Contemplation Center/spaces		x		

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F. If you have outreached to students in your department, program, or classes, please share information about what you discovered and how you have used the feedback.

_____ N/A

Describe student outreach used to gather feedback. For example, through surveys, conversations, etc.	
What did you learn?	
How will you use the feedback?	

G. Are there institutional barriers to the equity work that your program would like to engage in, and what suggestions do you have for minimizing or eliminating these barriers? (See page 2, for the equity definition)

_____ N/A

Barrier	Suggestions

Section Two: Data Analysis – Quantitative and Qualitative

A. IR Data Review: Discuss any significant trends in the data provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning (or any other data you use for decision-making and planning).

(Note: Not all Programs have IR data available; if your program does not have a data packet or dashboard data, you may note that in the response box.)

- IR Data packets are available here (posted Fall 22): <https://bit.ly/2lYaFu7>
- Course Set Standard Overview & Success Rates Dashboard can be found in the middle of this page: <https://bit.ly/2Y9vGpl>

There are a few notable observations made in the student demographics data. To begin with between the 20/21 AY and 21/22 AY there was a significant shift in the gender distribution of the RELS students. In the 20/21 year for both Fall and Spring the distribution was a bit more balanced at 48% female and 52% male for both Fall and Spring semesters. In the 21/22 AY there was a significant increase in female students, and a subsequent decrease in male students, 63% female and 38% male. While not identical from Fall to Spring, similar gender distribution continued into the Spring as well. 67% female to 33% male. I don't know if this speaks to a larger or persistent trend in higher education, but a review of the past five years did indicate there were two years that had a somewhat similar distribution.

It was also notable that Race and Ethnicity data for the RELS program has become fairly evenly distributed between Asian, Latino and Caucasian students. 80% of students fall in these three categories. This distribution encourages important dialogue around culture and belief. It also demonstrates that approximately 70% of the total race/ethnicity categories in RELS identifies as not caucasian. Relative to the equity focus for the college this is an important recognition and most likely reflects the overall demographic changes of the college itself.

Additionally, another noteworthy point is that enrollment in RELS classes increased in both Fall and Spring Semesters last year slightly. This is the first sign of a reversal of decreasing enrollment. Much of the other IR data remained fairly consistent across the last year.

B. Program-Set Standard (Instructional Programs Only):

The program-set standard is a baseline that alerts programs if their student success rates have dipped suddenly. There are valid reasons a program does not meet the Program Set Standard; when a program does not meet this standard, they are simply asked to examine possible reasons and note any actions that should be taken, if appropriate.

[Program-set standard data can be found on this page](#)

- Did your program meet its program-set standard for successful course completion?

☒ Yes ☐ No

- If your program did not meet your program-set standard, discuss possible reasons and how this may affect program planning or resource requests.

C. SLOs/SAOs: Assessment of Student Learning and Support

Program Review is our major source of data on student learning for the college and is therefore regularly reviewed. *Each year programs must discuss how their PSLOs, CSLOs, or Service Area Outcomes (SAOs) support the College Mission. This helps us to see how our students are progressing in their learning.*

For assistance with these questions and instructions on how to run the necessary reports in eLumen, [click here](#).

You should complete at least one of the following three sections. Please choose the option(s) below that are appropriate for your program - Go directly to the section(s) you chose.

- [C1: Instructional Programs with PSLOs \(disaggregated PSLOs\)](#)
- [C2: Instructional Programs with CSLOs \(Departments without degrees, non-major courses, and/or other courses up for assessment\)](#)
- [C3: Non-Instructional Programs \(SAOs\)](#)

C1: Instructional Programs with PSLOs (disaggregated PSLOs)

- 1) To assess PSLOs, CSLOs must be correctly mapped to only one PSLO within eLumen and every mapped CSLO must have assessment data. Please insert a checkmark in one of the following options that correctly describes your data and move on accordingly.
 - a. If the CSLOs are mapped correctly and there is data for each CSLO, then continue to question 2.
 - b. If the CSLOs have assessment data and the mapping needs to be completed, then complete the mapping within eLumen ([See SLO Handbook, p. 7](#)) and continue to question 2.

- c. If not all of the mapped CSLOs have assessment data, then you cannot assess the PSLO. In this case, continue to question C2.

2. Based on your current [3-year plan](#), list the PSLO(s) for the academic year 2021-2022 that your program selected to review and explain why these were chosen.

2) What percentage of faculty completed the planned assessments for the selected PSLO? ([run Faculty Participation report](#) from last year). _____%

3) Non-disaggregated Analysis of PSLO(s): In general, what conclusions can be drawn about student learning in your program?

4) Disaggregated Analysis of PSLO(s) to identify potential inequity: Disaggregation allows you to examine inequities in student learning outcomes within sub-populations in your program. [See the Guide](#) for instructions on how to disaggregate PSLO data.

Which variables did you use to disaggregate the data? Mark all the apply.

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| ● Gender | ● First Generation |
| ● Age | ● DE |
| ● Ethnicity | ● Online |
| ● EOPS | ● Hybrid |
| ● Veteran | ● Fact-to-Face |
| ● BOG Recipient | |

5) Did your data reveal any patterns of inequity? If so, please explain those patterns.

6) Identify any challenges facing your department that may contribute to inequitable outcomes as revealed by your disaggregated PSLO data. (Refer to section 1B if needed)

- 7) Based on discussion with others in your program, explain potential changes that will improve student learning and address inequities identified through analysis of disaggregated PSLO data.

- 8) The 2022-2023 Academic year is the last year in our 3-year assessment cycle. [Please review your 3-year plan](#) and verify that all of your courses will be assessed by June 2023.

Will all of your courses be assessed by June 2023?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, please update your 3-year plan to include any courses you missed or if you plan to revise your 3-year plan, then send your updated plan to the [Curriculum and SLO Specialist, and the SLO Chair](#).

- 9) Are you planning on updating any CSLOs or PSLOs?

☐ YES ☐ NO

(If yes, then you may do this through eLumen, see the [SLO Handbook](#) if you need instructions on how to do this.)

- 10) If you experienced any challenges in completing your PSLO assessment process please list those in the box below along with any items that would help you improve this process in the future.

C2: Instructional Programs With CSLOs - Departments without degrees, non-major courses, and/or other courses up for assessment

1. Based on your current [3-year plan](#), list the CSLO(s) for the academic year 2021-2022 that your program selected to review and explain why these were chosen.

The program is assessing RELS 1: SLO Major Figures. Upon Completion of RELS 1, the student should be able to compare and contrast the teachings of major religious figures.

2. What percentage of faculty completed the planned assessments for the selected CSLO? (run [Faculty Participation](#) report from last year). 100 %
3. [Using the CSLO data and reflection questions](#), what are some conclusions?

This is the first semester we have assessed this SLO. At this point we are collecting baseline data in order to determine where students currently assess for this learning area. Initial results for this assessment indicate that students are aware of the major figures in the major world religions but can only moderately compare and contrast the specific teachings of religious figures.

4. List changes that you plan on making to improve student learning.

The data for this assessment was pulled from a compare and contrast assignment which requires students to compare and contrast specific religious beliefs. This may be slightly problematic because the assessment tool only partially addresses the SLO. One consideration is to include throughout the course additional information that more explicitly examines the teachings of that faith figure in relationship to the religious teachings themselves. Another consideration is to include learning tools throughout the course that require students to more succinctly link specific beliefs with specific figures.

5. The 2022-2023 Academic year is the last year in our 3-year assessment cycle. [Please review your 3-year plan](#) and verify that all of your courses will be assessed by June 2023.

Will all of your courses be assessed by June 2023?

 X Yes No

If not, please update your 3-year plan to include any courses you missed or if you plan to revise your 3-year plan, then send your updated plan to the [Curriculum and SLO Specialist, and the SLO Chair](#).

6. Are you planning on updating any CSLOs?

 YES NO

(If yes, then you may do this through eLumen, see the [SLO Handbook](#) if you need instructions on how to do this.)

7. If you experienced any challenges in completing your CSLO assessment process please list those in the box below along with any items that would help you improve this process in the future.

The RELS program is primarily offering the RELS 1 course due to declining enrollment. We have just offered successfully RELS 3, so both of these courses are being assessed. However, the other RELS courses will not be assessed by June 2023 because they have not been offered within the last three years.

C3: Non-Instructional Programs (SAOs)

1. Based on your current [3-year plan](#), list the SAO(s) for the academic year 2021-2022 that your program selected to review and explain why these were chosen.

2. What percentage of staff completed the planned assessments for the selected SAO(s)? (run [Faculty Participation report](#) from last year). _____%

3. Based on discussion with others in your area: Using the [SAO data and reflection questions](#) or other sources of data, what conclusions can be made?

* If you used other sources of data, briefly explain below.

4. List changes that you plan to improve outcomes in your service area.

5. The 2022-2023 Academic year is the last year in our 3-year assessment cycle. Please review your [3-year plan](#) and verify that all of your courses will be assessed by June 2023.

Will all of your courses be assessed by June 2023?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, please update your 3-year plan to include any courses you missed, or if you plan to revise your 3-year plan, then send your updated plan to the Curriculum and SLO Specialist, and the SLO Chair.

6. Are you planning on updating any SAOs?

☐ YES ☐ NO

(If yes, then you may do this through eLumen, see the SLO Handbook if you need instructions on how to do this.)

7. If you experienced any challenges in completing your SAO assessment process please list those below, along with any items that would help you improve this process in the future.

Note: There is an opportunity to give feedback on the PR template on the last page if you won't be completing the next sections

Section Three: Guided Pathways & Curriculum Review

(Programs with Courses Only)

For assistance with these questions, contact the [Curriculum Committee Chair](#)

Part One: Guided Pathways: Your program's work with guided pathways

A. Program Maps - [The Program Maps \(degree and certificate course sequences\) are found in Academic & Career Pathways](#)

Up-to-date Program Maps are used by students in your pathway, for data collection to support in-reach to students in your Pathway, predictive scheduling recommendations for Discipline Plans, and may influence the allocation of FTEF.

Please compare each Program Map to your current course offerings and course sequencing. Pay close attention to prerequisite information and to classes that may only be offered particular terms.

1) Are your Program Maps accurate?

- Yes, all of my maps are accurate
 - No. The Program Map for _____ (degree/certificate name) _____
Requires an update
 - Requires a **non-curricular change** (ie: course sequencing) Please consult your [Pathway counseling faculty liaison](#)
 - **Curricular Change** (Program modifications) - Modifications are initiated through the Curriculum Committee. For mapping support contact the [Curriculum & SLO Specialist](#).
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Part Two: Curriculum Review

For assistance with this section, contact the [Curriculum Committee Chair](#).

The following questions ask you to review your program's curriculum. To see the last outline revision date and revision due date follow the directions below:

1. Log in to CurricUNET
2. Select "Course Outline Report" under "Reports/Interfaces"
3. Select the report as an Excel file or as HTML

A. Title V Updates [Curriculum Committee]: Do you need to update any courses to stay within the 5-year cycle? List courses requiring updates below.

Reminder: updates to course title or units, and course deactivations, will require updating any program they are associated with. List programs requiring updating in question (C).

_____YES _____X_____No

Course Name & Number
All courses updated in the 21/22 AY

B. Degree/Certificate Updates [Curriculum Committee]: Do any programs require modification in this cycle? If yes, list them below.

Reminder: Program modifications sent to the Curriculum Committee for approval require an updated Program Map. For mapping and curriculum support please contact the [Curriculum & SLO Specialist](#).

_____YES _____No

Certificate or Degree

C. Are there any courses or programs for which a non-mandatory update is planned?

Reminder: Program modifications sent to the Curriculum Committee for approval require an updated Program Map. For mapping and curriculum support please contact the [Curriculum & SLO Specialist](#).

_____YES _____Not at this time

If yes, explain details, rationale, or any support that might be helpful to the committee.

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D. Does your program plan to create any new courses or programs this year?

Reminder:: New program proposals require a Program Map for Senate approval. Please **contact the Curriculum & SLO Specialist** if you are planning a new program.

☒ X ☐ YES ☐ No

If yes, please provide details and the rationale

The RELS program is looking into the creation of Mindfulness Curriculum while the program coordinator is on Sabbatical Leave in the Spring.

E. Are there any courses that you plan to deactivate or sunset?

☐ YES ☐ No

Course Name & Number

Program Review Suggestions (optional): What questions or suggestions do you have regarding this year's Program Review forms or process?

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