Program Assessment in Graduate Degrees Offered Online: 2016 Update

To strengthen WSU's assessment system, the Provost formed a one-semester task force in 2014 to review assessment in degrees offered online. As part of the task force, an inventory survey on practices and systems related to assessment of student learning was completed by a representative from each WSU degree offered online. The inventory produced a rough snapshot of program-level assessment, with more information in the Task Force's 2014 Report, as a way to gather information about assessment practices in a wide range of contexts and disciplines. To monitor progress, the inventory was updated based on practices through 2016. All degree programs also report annually on their assessment activities.

2014: Graduate Degrees (9) completing the assessment inventory
MS in Agriculture, Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA), MA in Criminal Justice, PSM in Electrical Power Engineering, Master of Engineering and Technology Management, EdM in Education - Special Education, MA in Sport Management, PSM in Molecular Biosciences, MA in Strategic Communication.

2016: Graduate Degrees (7) completing the assessment inventory
MS in Agriculture, Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Executive Master of Business Administration, PSM in Electrical Power Engineering, Master of Engineering and Technology Management, EdM in Education - Special Education, PSM in Molecular Biosciences, MA in Strategic Communication.

Basic Elements of Assessment and Data Collection: WSU Graduate Degrees Offered Online, 2014 and 2016
Most WSU online graduate degrees report having the basic elements of assessment in place and are using assessment to improve student learning outcomes.

Basic Elements of Assessment (Self-Reported) Graduate Degrees Offered Online	2014 (9)	2016 (7)
Student Learning Outcomes for Degree	9	7
Assessment Plan	8	7
Curriculum Map (not required for graduate programs)	6	5
Direct Measure(s) include online courses / students	8	7
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Using Program Assessment Data for Online Degree	3	6

Status Update - 2016
All seven WSU graduate degrees currently offered online have student learning outcomes, an assessment plan, and established assessment practices, which systematically include online courses and students.

One graduate degree is relatively new (Fall 2014) and is still collecting data for formative and summative assessments. (PSM in Electrical Power Engineering)

One new graduate degree was approved for Fall 2017. (MS in Software Engineering)

The MA/PhD in Criminal Justice program was reviewed in 2015 and admissions to the online MA in Criminal Justice program were suspended following an in-depth curricular review process.

The online MA in Sports Management program was reviewed in 2016 and admissions were temporarily suspended pending further faculty review.