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Note from the AVP

The official census date of October 7th is approaching. Once these data are frozen, we will begin producing official reports on enrollment, retention, and graduation rates. The Progress and Planning site should be updated by the middle of October. This is where department chairs and assessment coordinators can find enrollment, degrees, demographics, progression, and other reports by program.

Assessment Spotlight

Help Choose GC's NEXT QEP!

In preparation for our SACSCOC 10-year reaffirmation, it is time for Georgia College to identify a new Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The topic of the QEP is chosen collaboratively by university stake-holders including faculty, staff, students, and external constituents. We plan to work through the topic selection process this fall and spring, and expect to have a topic chosen by May, 2022. To learn more about a quality enhancement plan, the requirements, and the process, and to see examples and additional resources, please plan to attend one of these virtual informational sessions this semester. They are open to ALL faculty and staff and everyone is strongly encouraged to attend at least one. Reminders and Zoom links will be posted to Front Page prior to each session.

Friday, October 1, 10:00 am

Thursday, October 14, 2:00 pm

Wednesday, November 3, 11:00 am

Monday, November 15, 3:00 pm

Please direct any questions to Cara Smith. (478) 445-3530. cara.smith@gcsu.edu

Core Assessment

Faculty who teach a core course scheduled to be assessed in FY22 have been notified. No action is needed at this time other than to become familiar with the process and note the data submission deadline of December 17, 2021. Core teaching faculty are currently awaiting student samples which will be sent after the withdrawal date in mid-October. Representatives from the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness are available to meet to discuss the process for any faculty who are new to Georgia College or new to the core assessment process. Please email ir@gcsu.edu to schedule a meeting.
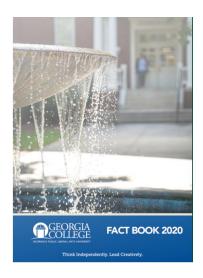
Website Spotlight

Our new self-service core assessment website is up and ready for use. You will find all things core assessment related, including student learning outcomes, the course assessment schedule, rubrics, data submission links, and results. The website can be accessed here.

Important Assessment Due Dates

- APRs: July 31, 2021 (past due)
- SMART Reports: October 15, 2021
- Progress & Planning: November 30, 2021
- Core Assessment, Fall 2021: December 17, 2021
- CPRs: April 30, 2022
- Core Assessment, Spring 2022: May 20, 2022

Our office is in the early phases of producing the 2021 Factbook. We will be reaching out to offices who have previously submitted data/content for inclusion in the Factbook in the coming weeks. If you believe that your department can add value to the GC Factbook, we are open adding new data/content. Email your ideas/suggestions to ir@gcsu.edu for consideration. If you wish to scroll through the 2020 Factbook, click the Factbook image to the right.

External Reporting Update

Our office is in the process of submitting data to the following organizations for external reporting purposes:

- Facilities data submission
- Fall IPEDS reports
- US New Online Graduate Programs
- Graduate Students and Post doctorates in Science and Engineering

Excel Tip of the Month

Combine cells using "&"

Databases tend to split out data to make it as exact as possible. For example, instead of having a column that shows a person's full name, a database might have the data as a first name and then a last name in separate columns. Or, it may have a person's location separated by city, state, and zip code. In Excel, you can combine cells with different data into one cell by using the "&" sign in your function.

Current Partnerships

Due to the nature of our work as the central source of official GC historical data, IR is in constant communication and partnership with departments across campus. Here are just a few of our projects and partnerships from this month:

- IR has been assisting Admissions with the ongoing Ruffalo Noel Levitz project.
- IR assisted Fraternity & Sorority Life with data used for Greek recruitment.
- IR developed/updated a scheduler tool used by the Dean of Students and more.
- IR is assisting the Budget Office and Business Office/Financial Services with data used for calculating summer revenue.
- IR assisted the Learning Center with Mswipe data.

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