

Institute of World Politics
2021-2022 Educational Effectiveness Assessment Report
15 February 2023

Executive Summary

The Educational Effectiveness Assessment was conducted by the Academic Affairs department with the assistance of other components of IWP. It is presented annually to the Assessment Committee for its review, suggestions, and guidance. The Committee's recommendations are then forwarded to the Academic Council for review and approval. Findings with significant financial implications or which require the action of other departments are provided to the Executive Vice President for review.

In the course of conducting this assessment, the department identified several positive developments:

- Over 90% of Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for Fall 2021 through Summer 2022 were achieved based on passing grades of 84% (B) or higher.
- The first Capstone course was a success with all students achieving 'A' grades.
- Student feedback in the Fall 2021-Summer 2022 course evaluations was overwhelmingly positive with 96% of respondents to the course evaluation surveys rating their courses as excellent or good.
- The student job placement rate for attainment of careers relevant to their IWP education within one year of graduation is 97%, placing the Institute above all of its top competitor schools.
- Retention remains high and has even improved since last year despite the pandemic and students are satisfied with our career services support and academic advising.
- The Class of 2022 considers they achieved or somewhat achieved every Institutional Learning Outcome (per a new alumni survey geared at ILOs).

The department also identified a few potential areas of concern:

- One faculty member was issuing a high number of Incompletes grades. It is being addressed but will require continued monitoring.
- Two faculty evaluations did not occur and need to be addressed.
- Based on student feedback, our IWP 643 writing course and library collection and databases may need further assessment to determine possible areas of improvement.
- Regarding failing grades and withdrawals, it is still suggested we consider a recommended readings list for students prior to their studies at IWP so they arrive with a stronger knowledge base and are more likely to earn a passing grade.