

Assessment Reports for Economics for 2008-2009

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Semesters or Academic Years the Assessment Report Covers F 2008-S 2009

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Profile

Number of Majors 3

Number of Faculty: 1 P/T at Rosemont; joint program with Villanova University

Departmental Factors that Affect Assessment: students in economics major take their introductory and related courses at Rosemont and all of their required and elective Economics courses at Villanova.

Learning Outcomes for Majors

Economics majors web site

Assessment of Majors

Goal 3: All Economics Majors will be able to prepare a paper or essay analyzing an economic question or issue.

Objective 3.2: All Economic Majors will demonstrate in a senior paper or essay a mastery of economics terms and concepts and the ability to express them in writing.

Outcome 3.2 All Economic Majors will achieve 15 points or better on a scale of 24 (department rubric has 6 standards each with a 1-4 scale). of economic knowledge and writing in the senior paper

Student I: $3+3+3+3+3+3= 18$ points

Student II: $3.5+ 4+3.5+3.5+3+3.5 = 21$

Both Senior Economics majors met the criteria in the assessment plan. Although the standard calls for a 15 or better, we aspire to a higher standard which both students met.

Changes Based on Assessment

Outcome 3.2 standard was changed from a C grade to “15 points or better on a scale of 24” using a departmental rubric based on the rubric on the Assessment web site modified to include a 6th category: Economics Content

Recommendations for Improving the Assessment Process

Continue to update outcome standards as necessary; gather more data