

# ASSESSMENT OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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Under the guidelines set forth by the Higher Learning Commission, Denison has established a set of programs to evaluate the achievement of our educational goals.

Academic departments and programs assess their own programs. This form of assessment is a core element of the Department Report (<https://catalog.denison.edu/faculty-handbook/periodic-review-departments-programs/v-a-department-reports/>) process. Departments must collect artifacts and data annually and submit their assessment analysis as part of their quadrennial Department Report. The Academic Department Assessment Toolkit ([https://my.denison.edu/system/files/acad\\_dept\\_assessment\\_toolkit\\_1\\_30\\_19.pdf](https://my.denison.edu/system/files/acad_dept_assessment_toolkit_1_30_19.pdf)) has been assembled to assist departments in their assessment work.

The University conducts core student learning assessment (CSLA) in order to gain insight about student learning in relation to Denison's core learning outcomes. The Core Student Learning Assessment Committee (CSLAC), appointed by the Provost and the Vice President for Student Life, oversees that assessment. Along with academic and core learning assessment, departments in Student Life conduct program assessment to measure learning occurring through their various programs and initiatives.