# Program Assessment Plan Example

**Program:** M.A. Leadership & Organizational Development  
**Department:** School for Professional Studies  
**College/School:** School for Professional Studies  
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| 1  | Utilize contemporary leadership and organizational development theories as a foundation to develop interventions and practices in organizational settings. | ORLD 5000, ORLD 5010, ORLD 5100, ORLD 5150, ORLD 5350, 5960-5962 | 1. A formative assessment survey will be completed by each instructor at end of course. This will inquire about specific artifacts created in class and will assess competency in this area and potential opportunities for improvement.  
2. Exit survey completed by students at end of degree.  
3. Capstone projects completed in 5961-5963. Specifically, summative assessments completed on each student at the end of ORLD 5963. | Every other year, typically in the spring. In the year following a given change, program directors will follow up on action items from the previous year to determine impact and possible refinements or enhancements moving forward. |
| 2  | Demonstrate the capacity to make ethical, evidence-based decisions                       | ORLD 5050, Applied Methods, Stats, 5960-5962                                      | 1. A formative assessment survey will be completed by each instructor at end of course. | Every other year, typically in the spring. In the year following a given change, program directors will follow up on action items from the previous year to determine impact and possible refinements or enhancements moving forward. |
| 3 | Apply leadership competencies within team and organizational contexts. | ORLD 5100, ORLD 5150, ORLD 5250, ORLD 5350, ORLD 5550, ORLD 5650, ORLD 5960-5962 | 1. A formative assessment survey will be completed by each instructor at end of course. This will inquire about specific artifacts created in class and will assess competency in this area and potential opportunities for improvement.
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| 4 | Utilize an organizational development (OD) approach to promote collaborative learning, initiate and manage positive change, and make a sustainable impact on their work environment. | ORLD 5250, ORLD 5450, ORLD 5550, ORLD 5650, ORLD 5960-5962 | 1. A formative assessment survey will be completed by each instructor at end of course. This will inquire about specific artifacts created in class and will assess competency in this area and potential opportunities for improvement.
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1. On what schedule/cycle will faculty assess each of the above-noted program learning outcomes? *(It is not recommended to try to assess every outcome every year.)*

Objectives 1 and 3 will be assessed in odd years, with follow-up assessment of changes conducted in even years. Objectives 2 and 4 will be assessed in even years, with follow-up assessment of changes conducted in odd years.

2. Describe how, and the extent to which, program faculty contributed to the development of this plan.

Program faculty were involved in the development of the courses and their application to each program learning outcome, though the bulk of the burden has fallen to full-time, as opposed to adjunct, faculty. In addition, both full-time faculty and adjunct faculty have been highly invested in ensuring capstone projects meet program learning objectives and enhancing their courses so they better meet program learning outcomes.

3. On what schedule/cycle will faculty review and, if needed, modify this assessment plan?

This plan will be reviewed annually to ensure it continues to meet the program’s needs. If a given learning outcome indicated areas in need of focused assessment, especially as it relates to one or more courses within the program or a foundational competency, then the schedule may be altered as needed, but this alteration will be temporary rather than permanent. As SPS programs continually evolve to meet changing market needs, this assessment plan is to be considered dynamic and subject to change as the program evolves and new programs are offered.

**IMPORTANT:** Please remember to submit any assessment rubrics (as noted above) along with this report.