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Annual Program Report Template

Year:	2022-23
Program:	Earth Sciences
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Summary of Continuous Improvement Efforts since Last Report
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Program Highlights Since Last Report
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Identifies geologic landforms, structures, rocks, and minerals correctly 90% of the time or better.	
Ability to employ appropriate field techniques of data gathering Does not use appropriate field techniques	

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Undergraduate Earth Science students will develop proficiency in oral and written communication of scientific thinking applied to Earth Science concepts as demonstrated through oral presentations and technical writings. The rationale for this outcome is to determine if our students have the ability to effectively communicate Earth Science concepts to other Earth Scientists, as well as non-specialists, orally and in writing.	Oral and written communication	Each year we will use input from the following courses if they are taught that year: GEOL 2377, and GEOL 3101 (Assistant geology lab instructor) and GEOL 4360, as forums to evaluate the communication skills. Participating faculty members teaching the above courses will be asked to complete the following rubric at the end of their courses. Results from each class will be changed to the percentage of students falling into each quality category (Very Poor to	The target is an expectation of 70% Fair or better in each listed skill category. This would occur for example with a normal distribution of 10% Very Poor, 20% Poor, 40% Fair, 20% Good, and 10% Exemplary.	Target met. Five students scored >70% Fair in each listed skill category. Three scored Good and two Fair.	More earth sciences courses should be included when evaluating written communication skills. This will be implemented in the 2023-2024 academic year assessment plan. The assessment plan for 2023-2024 will also have an increase in the target to an expectation of 75% Fair or better for each listed skill to determine where improvement is most needed.

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