

Wright College Academic Department/Program Assessment Project Year End Report 2016-17

WHAT?

Describe the purpose of this assessment project.

Gather information on student digital literacy.

WHY?

Describe your department/program's reasons for taking on this project and the areas of your department/program that are involved.

We want to see how digital literacy can be improved in the Humanities disciplines based on the survey that was administered during the fall 2016 semester.

HOW?

Describe the participants, methods, and the timeline for this project.

Humanities, Philosophy and Religion courses. The requirements for these classes were modified in such a way as to increase the probability that students use more varied sources and also use more technology: surveys, articles, databases.

WHAT WE FOUND

1. Describe the way in which your department/program will collect results.

--I have used another survey specifically targeting the three questions that we decided to focus on.

Question 1. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or an assignment before turning it in.

Question 2: Worked on a paper or a project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources.

Question 5. How has this class encouraged you to use various digital devices in academic work.

2. Provide the results.

-Based on these results the percentage of students using regular draft increased to 28%.

-We also found that the percentage of students who integrated ideas from various sources regularly increased by approx. 4% to 40%.

-Students increased the variety of devices: they used phones, tablets and computers to read, research and edit; the increase was from 39% to 46 % regular users; thus we managed to almost reach the Illinois and HIS benchmarks; one aspect in which we observed an increase is in the use of audiobooks [25% more]

3. Describe how these results will be used for improvements.

Increasing digital literacy remains a constant concern of our department; based on the two assessment projects performed this year, we realized the increased integration of the sources of information increases digital literacy.

