

Wright College Academic Department/Program Assessment Project 2014-14

WHAT?

Describe the purpose of this assessment project.

The participants are students in 2 sections of Religion 106 and 2 sections of Philosophy 107

These sections were examined in relation to the first gen ed SLO: critical thinking

- a. Analyze a primary text
- b. Construct and evaluate an argument
- c. Demonstrate an understanding of ethical values within a pluralistic society.

HOW?

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

Students **in one section were examined through a series of short essay assignments while another were examined through one longer essay assignment, and each section was evaluated in three categories:** completion rate of the assignments, following instructions on the assignments and a better performance on all of the three SLOs.

WHAT WE FOUND

The students in the sections in which papers were divided into smaller assignments had an average 25% better performance in the targeted areas.

