



Departmental Assessment Analysis
(DAA form)

"Capturing the meaning of the assessment for the program."

Instructions:

- After departmental discussion and review of SLAS forms, complete the following form.
- Submit form to SLO Taskforce by census date.
- DAA forms will be published as "results" on the Sierra College Accreditation/SLO website

Program/Degree/ Certificate:	GEOGRAPHY
What does the department think it can do to improve teaching and learning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop methods to address needs of less prepared students• Encourage ongoing discussions about student learning• Share assessment strategies between instructors• Continue giving study guides, in class exercises, practice exams and weekly quizzes.• Peer review questions with low performance.• Continue to preview and show quality movies that explain complex concepts.(new one-Earth from Space" by Nova regarding satellites)• Create podcasts for difficult concepts• Internship placement for GIS students
What help or resources are needed from the college to improve teaching and learning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for additional work associated with assessment expectations• Additional full time faculty members• Opportunities to increase uses of other technologies in the classroom.• Restoration of travel funds for faculty• Encourage opportunities to effectively use Canvas• Continued support of internships• CTE support of GIS equipment needs• Computer lab software /hardware for labs and GIS classes• Addition of a new full time Geographer.

<p>What are top priorities for improvement?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase opportunities for department faculty to participate in professional development • Share assessment strategies among department faculty • Tutoring resources in Geography • Peer review test questions flagged with low performance • Ongoing promotion of GIS certificate • Promotion of new AAT Geography Degree • Continued faculty development / online / teaching videos • P/T faculty to complete SLAS • P/T faculty to complete online SLAS(google form)
<p>How will department implement those priorities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the tutor center to train tutors and solicit excellent students from our classes • Work with Marketing to promote both the AAT Geography Degree (posters for campuses) as well as the GIS certification program. • Assessment - Utilize departmental meetings. • Purchase multi-media equipment
<p>Provide timeline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are priorities for the school year and we would expect to have marketing and tutors in place by the beginning of the fall semester.