

University of Puerto Rico - Arecibo Campus  
English Department  
2016-2017 (First Semester) Assessment Plan

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College Mission	Mission, Goals, and Objectives of the English Department	Objectives (Expected Results)	Criteria and Assessment Strategies	Findings	Use of Results and Corrective Actions
<p>The University of Puerto Rico in Arecibo is an autonomous unit of the Public Higher Education System of Puerto Rico. It is located in the northern coast and serves primarily the north-central region of the island, a geographic area where the agricultural and livestock activities and a concentration of high-technology industries coexist, which allows the development of a range of economic and services' activities.</p> <p>This university is an institution dedicated to the production and diffusion of knowledge through the arts, sciences, and technologies. It intends to offer a university education of quality that motivates the comprehensive formation of its students as citizens and professionals. To achieve that, the institution offers a variety of programs in the arts and sciences that leads to associate degrees, bachelor degrees, and</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mission</u></p> <p>To support the institution in its mission by promoting the highest standards of excellence in the teaching-learning process and in the general use of the English language. This, in turn, will be achieved by creating an enabling environment in the department, the classrooms, and the institution in general.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goals</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage interest for the proper use of the English language.</li> <li>2. Enable students to effectively master basic language skills: speech, writing, and reading.</li> <li>3. Encourage students to learn English and promote interest in reading literature written in English.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>General Objectives</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote the use of computerized technology in courses offered by the English Department. (This includes activities such as data processing, Internet</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After successfully completing INGL 3101, students will be able to perform at a satisfactory level in the INGL 3102 course.</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>INGL 3101</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Criteria: The students will demonstrate their knowledge of basic communication skills by approving a reading examination with 70%.</li> <li>2. Content: A reading selection with thirty (30) vocabulary in context, drawing inferences, critical thinking, finding details, and main idea items</li> <li>3. Assessment Strategy: Pretest/Posttest Reading Exam</li> <li>4. Number of Participants: Pretest – 337 students Posttest – 211 students</li> </ol>	<p>* PRETEST</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pretest Result: 58.6%</li> <li>2. In the pretest, the 70% objective was not reached.</li> <li>3. The pretest results revealed that students need practice on understanding main ideas and critical thinking.</li> </ol> <p>** POSTTEST</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Posttest Result: 65%</li> <li>2. In the posttest, the 70% objective was not reached.</li> <li>3. The posttest results revealed that students still need more instruction on understanding main ideas and critical thinking.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Professors were informed of the results of the tests, so they will place more emphasis on explaining and providing practice on those reading comprehension areas where the students still need more instruction.</li> <li>2. English tutors will be asked to place more emphasis on explaining and providing practice on those reading comprehension areas where the students still need more instruction.</li> <li>3. Professors will continue to work on a textbook that will provide reading comprehension instruction and practice, particularly on those areas where the students need extra instruction.</li> </ol>

<p>transfer programs. These programs are supported by a network of students' services and by a faculty committed to stay in the vanguard of knowledge and in the techniques that improve the teaching-learning process.</p> <p>The institution is equally committed to promote the interaction with its community offering opportunities of professional development and continuous education with the purpose of motivating socio-cultural enrichment and improving the quality of life in the region it serves and all throughout Puerto Rico. It intends to encourage the critical respect for the plurality of ethical, moral, and spiritual values characteristic of our contemporary society, as well as respect towards and enrichment from the cultural heritage as a legacy to future generations.</p>	<p>use, e-mail, "chats" and multimedia presentations.)</p> <p>1.2 Include the use of computers to encourage writing skills in Basic English I and II courses.</p> <p>2. Incorporate critical thinking in the courses offered by the English Department.</p> <p>3. Offer English courses in technical areas that adequately prepare students from the academic programs served by the English Department such as Business Administration, Office Systems, Education, Communication, Computer Sciences, so that they may compete in the business world or pursue a graduate degree.</p> <p>4. Foster the participation of students in extracurricular activities sponsored by the Department of English such as competitions, cinema festivals and student exchange or study abroad programs.</p>	<p>2. After successfully completing INGL 0060, students will be able to perform at a satisfactory level in the INGL 3101 course.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>INGL 0060</u></b></p> <p>1. Criteria: The students will demonstrate their knowledge of basic communication skills by approving a reading examination with 70%.</p> <p>2. Content: A reading selection with thirty (30) vocabulary in context, drawing inferences, critical thinking, finding details, and main idea items</p> <p>3. Assessment Strategy: Pretest/Posttest Reading Exam</p> <p>4. Number of Participants: Pretest – 85 students Posttest – 44 students</p>	<p>* PRETEST</p> <p>1. Pretest Result: 44.1%</p> <p>2. In the pretest, the 70% objective was not reached.</p> <p>3. The pretest results revealed that students need practice on understanding vocabulary in context and critical thinking.</p> <p>** POSTTEST</p> <p>1. Posttest Result: 46.7%</p> <p>2. In the posttest, the 70% objective was not reached.</p> <p>3. The posttest results revealed that students still need more instruction on understanding vocabulary in context and critical thinking.</p>	<p>4. An INGL 3101 pilot course that emphasizes reading comprehension skills will be offered. Said course will be pilot tested using one INGL 3101 section.</p> <p>1. Professors were informed of the results of the tests, so they will place more emphasis on explaining and providing practice on those reading comprehension areas where the students still need more instruction.</p> <p>2. English tutors will be asked to place more emphasis on explaining and providing practice on those reading comprehension areas where the students still need more instruction.</p> <p>3. Using the reading comprehension test, the students who took INGL 0060 will be compared to INGL 3101 students who did not take INGL 0060, in order to analyze the effectiveness of INGL 0060 regarding reading comprehension skills.</p>
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