



Departmental Assessment
"Capturing the meaning of

Analysis (DAA form)
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 (Spring 2019)
What does the department think it can do to improve teaching and learning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Marc Ball regarding streamlining GIS program • Encourage ongoing discussions about student learning • Share assessment strategies between instructors • Continue giving study guides, in class exercises, practice exams. • 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) • 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"> • Additional full-time faculty members, especially replacement of NCC full-time upon retirement to maintain program & quality control • Support additional work associated with weather & climate, environmental sciences vital for GEOG program • Opportunities to increase uses of other technologies • 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"> • Be placed into the appropriate Interest Area (not just Earth & Environment as human geography lies in other areas) • GIS needs appropriate interest area too • GIS streamline schedule with course offerings & revisions • increase <i>success</i> in Physical Geography • Peer review test questions flagged with low performance • Ongoing promotion of AAT Geography Degree • Continued faculty development / online / teaching videos • P/T faculty to complete SLAS
<p>How will department implement those priorities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative Inquiry Post Conference • 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.
<p>Provide timeline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Program Review completions / Curriculum • Follow-up with new exams & study guides • Share data with all faculty