



Maximizing the Impact of Assessment: Linking Individual Achievement, Course-Based Data, and Student Learning Outcomes

In today's rapidly evolving educational landscape, effective academic assessment is essential not just for issuing grades but for validating student learning through skill and competency attainment. This presentation explores the vital connection between individual student achievement, course-based data, and the assessment of student learning outcomes. By leveraging course-based data to track and analyze individual student progress, educators can gain deeper insights into how students are meeting specific SLOs. Integrating curriculum mapping, evaluating instructor impact, and implementing strategic remediation further strengthens this connection, ensuring that assessments not only measure achievement but also drive meaningful improvements in student learning and development.

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The Impact of Perspective

Program-Level Focus

Accrediting bodies demand program-level reporting, leading to a heavy focus on this area.

Faculty-Level Focus

Faculty concentrate on individual class sections, where direct student learning occurs.

Understanding the 'Unit Disconnect'

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Fragmented Learning

The 'unit disconnect' refers to a lack of alignment and cohesion among different courses or modules within an academic program. Students encounter disjointed course materials and teaching methods that do not build on each other, leading to a fragmented learning experience.

2

Inconsistent Objectives

Each course may have its own set of goals and outcomes that do not align with or support the overarching objectives of the degree program, creating confusion and inconsistency for students.

3

Siloed Instruction

Instructors may focus solely on their specific course content without considering how it fits into the broader curriculum, resulting in a siloed approach to instruction.

Impact of 'Unit Disconnect' on Students



1

Confusion and Frustration

Students may feel lost or overwhelmed as they try to connect disparate pieces of information from different courses, leading to confusion and frustration.

2

Inability to Synthesize Knowledge

The lack of a coherent structure prevents students from seeing the connections between concepts, inhibiting their ability to synthesize knowledge and apply it effectively.

3

Reduced Mastery

Without a clear and connected pathway, students may struggle to achieve the intended learning outcomes of the program, resulting in reduced mastery of the subject matter.

Importance of Addressing 'Unit Disconnect'



Holistic Learning

Ensuring that courses are interconnected and support each other creates a more cohesive and meaningful learning journey for students.



Accurate Assessment

Aligning course content and assessments with programmatic goals provides a clearer picture of student progress and mastery.



Enhanced Quality

Addressing the 'unit disconnect' leads to a higher quality of education, as students are better able to integrate and apply what they learn across different contexts.

Aligning Teaching Practices with Programmatic Goals

To create a cohesive and integrated educational experience, it is crucial to align individual teaching practices with the overall vision and goals of the degree program. This holistic approach to education ensures that students receive a seamless learning journey, where each course builds upon and reinforces the knowledge and skills acquired in previous courses.

By aligning teaching practices with programmatic goals, educators can foster a deeper understanding and mastery of the subject matter among students. Assessments become more meaningful and accurately reflect students' progress toward achieving the intended learning outcomes of the program.

Understanding Curriculum Mapping

Definition

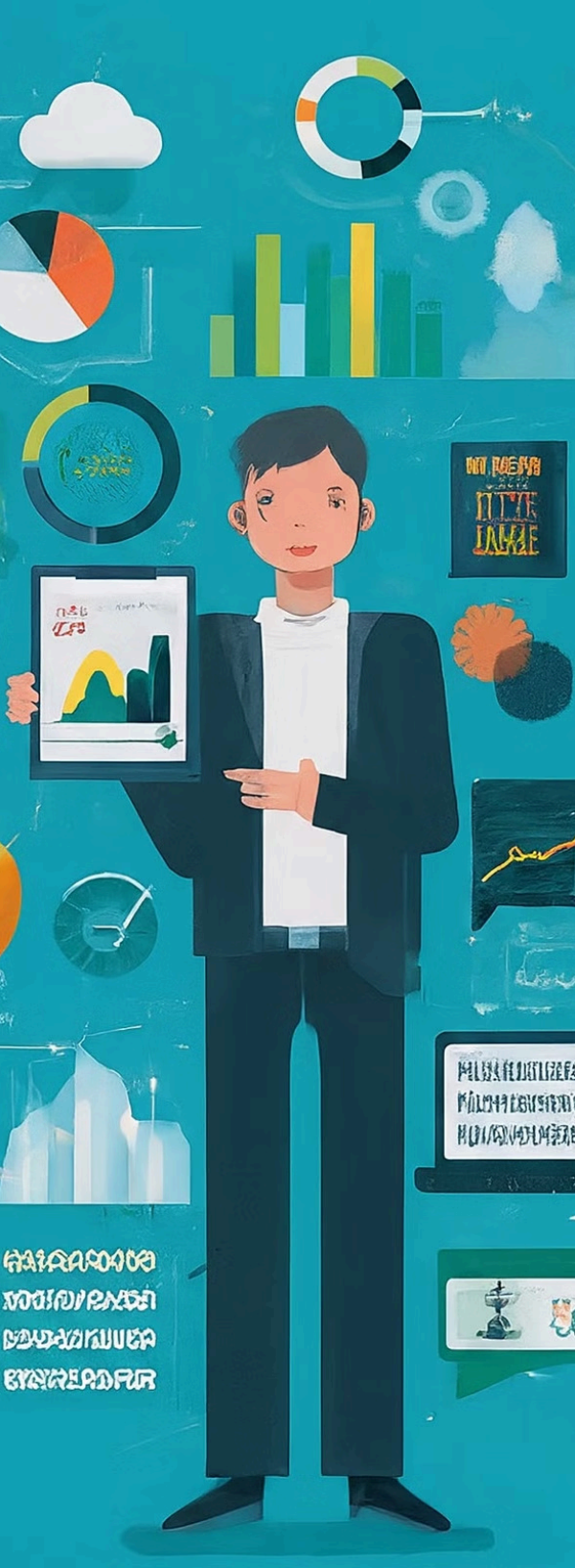
Curriculum mapping is a process that involves aligning educational objectives, learning outcomes, instructional strategies, and assessments to ensure a cohesive and effective learning experience. It provides a comprehensive overview of what is being taught, how it is being taught, and how students' understanding is being evaluated.

Evolution

The concept of curriculum mapping has evolved significantly over the years, transitioning from a simple course outline to a dynamic, data-driven process. Modern curriculum mapping leverages technology and data analytics to provide real-time insights and facilitate continuous improvement.

Impact

Effective curriculum mapping ensures that learning experiences are purposeful, streamlined, and aligned with educational goals. It helps identify gaps, redundancies, and areas for improvement, ultimately enhancing student achievement and learning outcomes.



Benefits of Curriculum Mapping

1

Alignment with Educational Objectives

Curriculum mapping ensures that the content being taught, the instructional methods employed, and the assessments administered are all aligned with the overarching educational objectives. This alignment fosters a cohesive learning experience and maximizes the effectiveness of the educational program.

2

Improved Student Learning

By identifying and addressing gaps, redundancies, and areas for improvement, curriculum mapping directly impacts student learning. It ensures that students are exposed to a well-structured and comprehensive educational experience, enhancing their understanding and mastery of the subject matter.

3

Data-Informed Decision Making

Curriculum mapping provides valuable data that can inform decision-making processes related to curriculum development, instructional strategies, and resource allocation. This data-driven approach ensures that decisions are grounded in evidence, leading to more effective and efficient educational programs.

Importance of Individual Student Tracking

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Personalized Learning Models

The traditional one-size-fits-all approach to education is rapidly being replaced by personalized learning models that cater to individual student needs, abilities, and learning styles. Tracking individual student progress is essential to providing tailored educational experiences that maximize each student's potential.

2

Real-time Assessment

By tracking individual student progress in real-time, educators can identify areas of strength and weakness, adjust instructional strategies, and provide targeted support when needed. This proactive approach ensures that students receive the necessary assistance and resources to stay on track and achieve their learning goals.

3

Informed Decision-Making

Data collected through individual student tracking provides valuable insights that inform decision-making processes at various levels, from instructional adjustments by teachers to programmatic changes by administrators. This data-driven approach ensures that decisions are grounded in evidence and tailored to the specific needs of individual students.

General

Aviation programs **MUST** demonstrate that graduates are able to:

Criterion 3.3.1.a apply mathematics, science, and applied sciences to aviation-related disciplines;	Criterion 3.3.1.b analyze and interpret data;	Criterion 3.3.1.c work effectively on multi-disciplinary and diverse teams;	Criterion 3.3.1.d make professional and ethical decisions;	Criterion 3.3.1.e communicate effectively, using both written and oral communication skills;	Criterion 3.3.1.f engage in and recognize the need for life-long learning;	Criterion 3.3.1.g assess contemporary issues;	Criterion 3.3.1.h use the techniques, skills, and modern technology necessary for professional practice;	Criterion 3.3.1.i assess the national and international aviation environment;	Criterion 3.3.1.j apply pertinent knowledge in identifying and solving problems;	Criterion 3.3.1.k apply knowledge of business sustainability to aviation issues.
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Courses and Learning Activities

ASC 101 Aeronautical Science Student Success			I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	
AS 121 Private Pilot Operations	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
AS 221 Instrument Pilot Operations	P	P		P	P						
AS 254 Aviation Legislation	I	I	I	I	I	I		I	I	I	
AS 309 Aerodynamics	I	I				I				I	
AS 310 Aircraft Performance	P	P				P					
AS 311 Aircraft Engines- Turbine	P	P								P	
AS 312 Ethics in Aviation Environment				P	P						
AS 321 Commercial Pilot Operations	M	M		M				M		M	
AS 340 Instructional Design in Aviation	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
AS 350 Domestic and International Navigation	M	M						M	M	M	
AS 356 Aircraft Systems and Components	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	
AS 357 Flight Physiology	P									P	
AS 380 Pilot Career Planning and Interviewing Techniques	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
AS 387 Crew Resource Management		M	M	M	M			M	M	M	
AS 402 Airline Operations		M	M	M	M		M			M	M

Public Policy Program	Institutional Learning Outcome Alignment	PPOL101: Micro-economics		PPOL201: Public Finance			PPOL250: Public Policy			PPOL315: International & Global Policy			PPOL320: Public Management			PPOL401: Data Analysis			PPOL401: Data Analysis	
Course Outcome		Identify and describe fundamental microeconomic concepts and apply these principles to simple scenarios involving consumer behavior and market dynamics.	Summarize and explain basic economic concepts and findings in both oral and written forms.	Delineate and explain the roles of various governmental bodies and bureaucratic structures specific to public finance.	Apply public finance principles and tools to analyze and address fiscal challenges in a variety of contexts.	Apply public finance principles and tools to analyze and address fiscal challenges in a variety of contexts.	Identify and describe the various governmental and bureaucratic entities involved in public policy formulation and articulate the ethical frameworks that guide decisions within these organizations.	Describe basic problem-solving techniques specific to public policy challenges and develop skills to communicate their findings and proposed solutions effectively, both orally and in writing.	Draft initial strategies for the practical implementation of new public policies, including considerations for logistical, fiscal, and regulatory aspects.	Apply international policy concepts to solve global problems and develop ethically defensible solutions.	Enhance their ability to effectively communicate ideas related to global policy issues, both orally and in writing, while working collaboratively in diverse teams.	Create strategies for implementing international policies, considering the complexities of global governance structures and international relations.	Apply in-depth knowledge of the specific organizational and bureaucratic structures unique to public management.	Apply public management theories and practices to address and solve practical issues faced by public organizations.	Enhance their ability to function effectively within a team, specifically within the context of public management.	Use statistical tools and data analysis techniques to solve problems in various public policy contexts.	Identify ethical dilemmas in data collection and analysis and develop strategies to address these challenges.	Enhance their skills in communicating complex data insights clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing.	Conduct a thorough analysis of organizational and bureaucratic structures involved in policy development relevant to their thesis topic.	
Describe organizational and bureaucratic structures involved in policy development	Content Knowledge			I Case-based policy memos			I Case-based memos, Canvas discussions						P Group case study, management briefs						M Weekly meetings w/faculty mentor	
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Use knowledge and abilities to solve a problem in any context	Critical Thinking	I Case study analyses, problem sets			I Case-based policy memos, problem sets			I Case-based memos		P Class simulation and reaction papers				P Group case study, management briefs		P Canvas and class discussions			M Weekly meetings w/faculty advisor	
		I Case study analyses, problem sets			I Case-based policy memos, problem sets			I Final paper		P Final exam				P Midterm paper		P Client project				Thesis and oral presentation
Develop ethically defensible solutions to issues	Critical Thinking						I Case-based memos, Canvas discussions			P Classroom simulation and reaction papers							P Canvas and class discussions			
							I Final paper			P Final exam							P Client project			

Implementing Data Analytics in Student Assessment

Data Types and Collection

In student assessment, a variety of data types are collected, including academic performance, attendance records, behavioral observations, and demographic information. These data can be gathered through various methods, such as standardized tests, classroom assessments, student information systems, and learning management systems.

Advanced Analytics

Advanced analytics techniques, such as predictive modeling, machine learning, and data mining, can be applied to student assessment data to uncover patterns, identify risk factors, and predict future performance. These techniques provide valuable insights that can inform targeted interventions and support strategies.

Visualization Tools

Data visualization tools play a crucial role in making student assessment data accessible and actionable. Dashboards, interactive charts, and data storytelling techniques can present complex data in a clear and intuitive manner, enabling educators and administrators to quickly identify trends and make informed decisions.



Evaluating Instructor Effectiveness

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Instructor-Student Relationships

The relationship between instructors and students is a critical factor in determining learning outcomes. Effective instructors foster positive relationships built on trust, respect, and open communication, creating an environment conducive to learning and personal growth.

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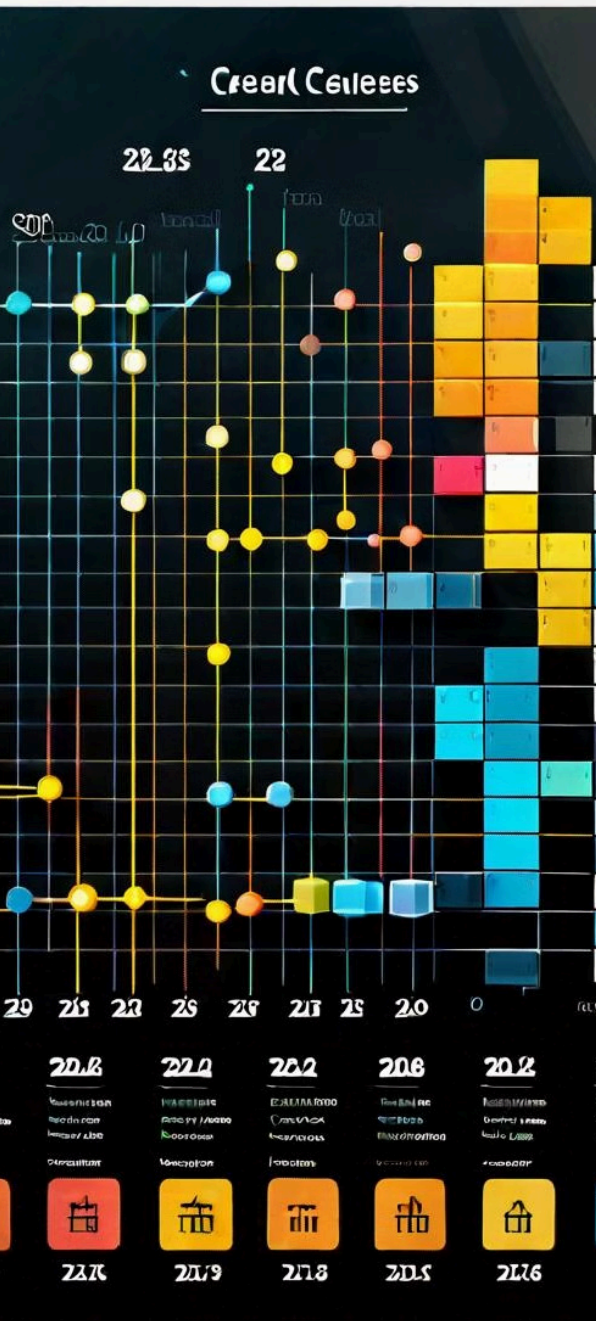
Teaching Methodologies

Instructors who employ a variety of teaching methodologies, such as active learning strategies, problem-based learning, and differentiated instruction, are better equipped to cater to diverse learning styles and engage students in meaningful learning experiences.

3

Continuous Improvement

Effective instructors are committed to continuous improvement, seeking feedback from students and peers, reflecting on their practices, and embracing professional development opportunities. This growth mindset ensures that their teaching remains relevant, innovative, and responsive to changing educational needs.



Strategic Course Scheduling

Course Sequencing

The order in which courses are taken can significantly impact student mastery of content. Strategic course sequencing ensures that prerequisite knowledge and skills are acquired before progressing to more advanced concepts, fostering a solid foundation for deeper learning.

Optimized Timing

Careful consideration of course timing is essential for maximizing student learning trajectories. Factors such as course duration, frequency, and spacing can influence retention, comprehension, and application of knowledge, making it crucial to optimize course schedules based on educational theory and research.

Scheduling Algorithms

Advanced scheduling algorithms can be employed to optimize course schedules based on various parameters, such as student demographics, course prerequisites, and resource availability. These algorithms can generate personalized schedules that balance academic rigor, workload, and student well-being.



Designing Effective Remediation

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Identifying Learning Gaps

Detailed assessments play a crucial role in identifying specific areas where students may be struggling or have gaps in their understanding. By pinpointing these areas, educators can develop targeted remediation plans tailored to individual student needs.

2

Personalized Remediation Plans

Effective remediation plans are personalized to address each student's unique learning challenges. These plans may include supplemental instruction, adaptive learning technologies, peer tutoring, or other support strategies designed to help students overcome their specific learning gaps.

3

Scalable Implementation

While personalization is essential, remediation strategies must also be scalable to accommodate varying student populations and resource constraints. Leveraging technology, such as online learning platforms and adaptive learning systems, can facilitate the efficient delivery of personalized remediation at scale.

Interconnectedness of Assessment Strategies



Integrated Approach

The various strategies discussed in this presentation, such as curriculum mapping, individual student tracking, instructor evaluation, and remediation design, are interconnected components of a comprehensive academic assessment framework. Implementing these strategies in an integrated manner maximizes their effectiveness and impact on student achievement.



Continuous Improvement Cycle

Academic assessment is a continuous process of evaluation, adjustment, and improvement. The data and insights gained from these strategies feed into a cycle of curriculum refinement, instructional enhancement, and targeted interventions, fostering a culture of ongoing improvement and excellence.



Alignment with Educational Goals

All assessment strategies should be aligned with the overarching educational goals and objectives of the institution or program. This alignment ensures that efforts are focused on achieving desired learning outcomes and preparing students for future success.

Implementing Comprehensive Assessment Strategies



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Institutional Commitment

Implementing comprehensive assessment strategies requires a strong institutional commitment, with leadership support, resource allocation, and a shared vision for continuous improvement. This commitment ensures that assessment initiatives are prioritized and sustained over time.

2

Professional Development

Ongoing professional development for educators, administrators, and support staff is essential for successful implementation of assessment strategies. Training should cover topics such as data analysis, instructional best practices, and effective use of assessment tools and technologies.

3

Collaboration and Communication

Fostering collaboration and open communication among stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, students, and parents, is crucial for effective implementation. Regular feedback loops and transparent sharing of assessment data and strategies can promote buy-in and continuous refinement.

Ethical Considerations in Student Data Collection

Data Privacy and Security

Collecting and analyzing student data raises concerns about privacy and data security. Institutions must implement robust data protection measures, such as encryption, access controls, and secure storage, to safeguard sensitive student information and comply with relevant regulations.

Informed Consent

Obtaining informed consent from students and guardians is essential when collecting and using personal data for assessment purposes. Clear communication about the types of data collected, how it will be used, and the measures in place to protect privacy is crucial for building trust and maintaining transparency.

Bias and Fairness

Algorithms and analytical models used in student assessment should be thoroughly evaluated for potential biases that could unfairly disadvantage certain groups of students. Rigorous testing and auditing processes should be in place to ensure fairness and equity in assessment practices.

Leveraging Learning Analytics

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Data Collection and Integration

Learning analytics relies on the collection and integration of diverse data sources, such as student information systems, learning management systems, and assessment platforms. Establishing robust data pipelines and ensuring data quality is crucial for accurate and actionable insights.

2

Predictive Modeling

Advanced machine learning and predictive modeling techniques can be applied to learning data to identify patterns and predict future student performance or risk factors. These models can inform proactive interventions and personalized support strategies.

3

Data Visualization and Reporting

Effective data visualization and reporting tools are essential for making learning analytics accessible and actionable for educators and stakeholders. Interactive dashboards, visualizations, and data storytelling techniques can present complex insights in an intuitive and engaging manner.



Fostering a Data-Driven Culture



Data Literacy

Developing data literacy among educators, administrators, and support staff is crucial for fostering a data-driven culture. Training programs should focus on interpreting data, understanding statistical concepts, and utilizing data-informed decision-making processes.



Collaborative Data Practices

Encouraging collaboration and open dialogue around data analysis and interpretation can promote a shared understanding and ownership of assessment strategies. Cross-functional teams and data communities of practice can facilitate knowledge sharing and continuous improvement.



Continuous Improvement Mindset

Cultivating a mindset of continuous improvement is essential for embracing data-driven practices. Institutions should create a safe environment for experimentation, encourage questioning of assumptions, and celebrate successes while learning from failures.

Questions and Answers



Ask Questions



Foster Discussion



Generate Ideas

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