**TO:** Department Leaders and Instructors-of-Record for Core Curriculum course(s) ([Cycle C](https://assessment.tamu.edu/assessment/media/Core-Curriculum/CCA-Cycle-C-2021-2022_V3.pdf)).

**RE:** Core Curriculum Assessment 2021-2022, Spring 2022

*HOWDY! This email is being sent to****departmental leaders****and****instructors of record****for Core Curriculum course(s) submitting assessment artifacts in Spring 2022 for Core Curriculum Assessment 2021-2022 (*[*Cycle C*](https://assessment.tamu.edu/assessment/media/Core-Curriculum/CCA-Cycle-C-2021-2022_V3.pdf)*).*

**RECERTIFICATION**

[Core Curriculum Recertification](https://assessment.tamu.edu/core) is the process by which the [Faculty Senate's Core Curriculum Council](https://facultysenate.tamu.edu/Committees/Core-Curriculum)reviews core courses for inclusion in the Texas A&M Core Curriculum based on a variety of characteristics including appropriateness of the course for the Foundational Component Area (FCA), enrollment, explanations of how students are informed of the core objectives, how the course fosters student development of the core objectives, and how each mandatory core objective is evaluated in the context of the course.

Recertification is a two-year process, with all core courses rotating through as members of cohorts. During the first year of recertification, course instructors collect evidence of student learning demonstrating the required core learning objectives and submit to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Evaluation for assessment using the [Core Curriculum Assessment rubrics](https://assessment.tamu.edu/core). During the second year of recertification, course instructors complete the curricular review requirements defined by the Core Curriculum Council of the Faculty Senate.

One required component of recertification is the submission of evidence of student learning for the state-mandated learning outcomes. Learning outcomes scheduled for assessment during AY 21-22 (Cycle C) are

1.      Written Communication

2.      Personal Responsibility, and

3.      Empirical & Quantitative Skills.

Instructors for **all sections of courses in Cycle C**are expected to submit artifacts/student-produced work specifically demonstrating the core competency of [***Written Communication***](https://assessment.tamu.edu/assessment/media/Core-Curriculum/8-2-21-Written-Communication-Rubric_FINAL.pdf).

Courses in the following FCAs will ***also*** submit artifacts/student- produced work specifically demonstrating the core competency of [***Personal Responsibility***](https://assessment.tamu.edu/assessment/media/Core-Curriculum/8-2-21-Written-Communication-Rubric_FINAL.pdf).

* American History,
* Communication,
* Government/Political Sciences, and
* Language, Philosophy, & Culture.

Courses in the following FCAs will ***also***submit artifacts/student- produced work specifically demonstrating the core competency of***Empirical and Quantitative Skills\****:

* Life and Physical Sciences,
* Mathematics, and
* Social and Behavioral Sciences.

\*There are two rubrics for measuring Empirical and Quantitative Skills. One rubric is specific to [computational activities](https://assessment.tamu.edu/assessment/media/Core-Curriculum/8-2-21-Empirical-Quantitative-Skills-Computational_FINAL.pdf)and one rubric is designated as [“other”](https://assessment.tamu.edu/assessment/media/Core-Curriculum/8-2-21-Empirical-Quantitative-Skills-Other_FINAL.pdf) for learning activities that demonstrate empirical and quantitative skills beyond computation.

**COMMON RUBRICS**

The rubrics for measuring each core objective scheduled for assessment are available at <http://assessment.tamu.edu/core>.

**SUBMISSION OF ARTIFACTS**

Later this semester, instructors will receive an email invitation granting access to a unique and confidential Google folder for uploading materials required for Core Curriculum Assessment Spring 2022.

**NEW!** **ARTIFACT SHARING VIA CANVAS**

In Spring 2022, we are piloting a file submission process allowing for direct linking of artifacts from Canvas into AEFIS. If you are interested in participating in this pilot, please complete this survey **no later than Friday, February 11, 2022**: <https://forms.gle/A5wUoDoXjoAGWWU36>.

**NEW! COMPANION MANUAL (see attachment)**

Please see the 2021-2022 [Core Curriculum Assessment Companion Manual](https://assessment.tamu.edu/assessment/media/Core-Curriculum/CCA-Companion-Manual-2022-02-01-FINAL_1.pdf) for more information on the core recertification and assessment processes.

**NEW!** **CORE CURRICULUM WEBSITE**

Please visit the **NEW** website dedicated to Core Curriculum at [us.tamu.edu/CORE/CORE-Curriculum](https://us.tamu.edu/CORE/CORE-Curriculum). This website includes information and resources related to the recertification process and teaching and assessing the core learning objectives.

For more information, please contact the following offices:

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* Core Assessment: [assessment@tamu.edu](mailto:assessment@tamu.edu)