

Assessment Activity Report Due June 2nd, 2016
to the Office of Academic Planning

Mission Statement template

** Please see resources at the [Academic Planning website](#)

Department Modern Languages and
Literatures_____

College __LCA_____

Did you have current mission statement as of Spring 2015? Yes
No

If so, what is it?

Version from 2012:

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at San Francisco State University offers a comprehensive curriculum designed to help students develop the linguistic and cultural knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a multilingual, international society. Speaking another language gives students access to parts of the human experience closed off to those who are monolingual. The study of a foreign language gives students the tools to communicate with people of other backgrounds; the study of linguistics exposes them to the deeper structures of language and their role in the construction of reality; the study of culture allows them to understand and appreciate other ways of life; intensive analysis of literary texts in languages other than English helps students develop critical thinking skills that will help them engage with issues that transcend national boundaries. As they challenge themselves with new structures and ideas, our students develop an international perspective that will serve them and help them serve others at home and around the world.

Please address all questions. What was the process of revising your mission statement this semester? How were department faculty members involved? Was it developed in department meetings or other gatherings? What informed your discussions about your new or revised mission statement (e.g. changes in the profession, new focus of the department)?

We discussed the revisions of our mission statement during our department's coordinators' meetings. Coordinators are elected members from every program in the department and the meeting is presided over by Dept. chair. Departmental action on mission statement was conducted in consultation with all program coordinators. A few versions were circulated until we eventually agreed on a final version. We do this on a regular basis. Our latest one was updated on 2012, so we decided it was important for the new mission statement to reflect new changes in

our SLOs as well as link it with the university's strategic plan and its objectives, in addition the new focus in the department on streamlining our MA degrees.

What is the revised mission statement?

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at San Francisco State University offers a comprehensive curriculum designed to help students develop the linguistic and cultural knowledge and skills necessary to contribute to a multilingual, international society. Speaking another language gives students access to parts of the human experience closed off to those who are monolingual. The study of a foreign language gives students the tools to communicate with people of other backgrounds; the study of linguistics exposes them to the deeper structures of language and their role in the construction of reality; the study of culture allows them to understand and appreciate other ways of life; intensive analysis of literary texts in languages other than English helps students develop critical thinking skills that will help them engage with issues that transcend national boundaries. As they challenge themselves with new structures and ideas, our students develop an international perspective that will serve them and help them serve others at home and around the world.

Please post your revised mission statement on your department web page.

We have posted it but during the migration process, it didn't show up. We are working with Chris Clarke to fix this issue

Given that this semester you revised your mission statement, DUEAP will assume your AY 2016-2017 will include a review of your program learning goals. If that is not the case, please notify the Associate Dean of Academic Planning. Thank you!

That's correct!