General Education Annual Course Assessment Form

Course Number/Title GEOG 12/Global Geography  
GE Area D2

Results reported for AY 2013-14  
# of sections 5  
# of instructors 3

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Instructions: Each year, the department will prepare a brief (two page maximum) report that documents the assessment of the course during the year. This report will be electronically submitted to <curriculum@sjsu.edu>, by the department chair, to the Office of Undergraduate Studies, with an electronic copy to the home college by October 1 of the following academic year.

Part 1

To be completed by the course coordinator:

(1) What SLO(s) were assessed for the course during the AY?
   SLO 4: Students will be able to compare and contrast two or more ethnic groups, cultures, regions, nations, or social systems.

(2) What were the results of the assessment of this course? What were the lessons learned from the assessment?
   This SLO is primarily assessed through research and writing a term paper, Google Earth projects, exam questions, and homework exercises. Students in one section wrote a term paper in which they designed a trip to a part of the world with which they were unfamiliar. They addressed all the aspects of this SLO in their report. Another instructor used Google Earth exercises as the vehicle to address this SLO. Both were quite successful although students struggled more with the Google Earth exercises in the early part of the semester, becoming more familiar with the technology and comparative aspects of the assignments as they moved through the semester. Students attained the SLO at about 80% in exams.

(3) What modifications to the course, or its assessment activities or schedule, are planned for the upcoming year? (If no modifications are planned, the course coordinator should indicate this.)
   No modifications planned

Part 2

To be completed by the department chair (with input from course coordinator as appropriate):

(4) Are all sections of the course still aligned with the area Goals, Student Learning Objectives (SLOs), Content, Support, and Assessment? YES

(5) If this course is in a GE Area with a stated enrollment limit (Areas A1, A2, A3, C2, D1, R, S, V, & Z), please indicate how oral presentations will be evaluated with larger sections (Area A1), or how practice and revisions in writing will be addressed with larger sections, particularly how students are receiving thorough feedback on the writing which accounts for the minimum word count in this GE category (Areas A2, A3, C2, D1, R, S, V, & Z) and, for the writing intensive courses (A2, A3, and Z), documentation that the students are meeting the GE SLOs for writing. N/A