SLO 1:  CORE Outcome: Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking: Develop and present a logical, consistent plan to solve a problem, recognize consequences of the solution, and articulate a reason for choosing solution method.

Relevant Associations:

Standard Associations

New Core Component Areas
8 Mathematics (MA)
New Core Objectives
1 Critical Thinking (CT)

General Education/Core Curriculum Associations
1 Critical Thinking: Students will apply critical thinking appropriately to identify, analyze and resolve complex issues.

Related Measures

M 1:  CORE Outcome: Critical Thinking

During the period between midterms and finals, the student will provide a complete solution and explanation for a problem that has not previously been used in an assignment or lecture. The problem will be appropriate for the material that has been completed in class to date. A written paper will be required and will be scored based on a rubric developed to evaluate the Core Curriculum Outcomes:

Critical Thinking: For this Outcome, the paper must include

1. An exact statement of the original problem,
2. A description of the student's plan to solve the problem,
3. A description of the possible consequences of the solution, and
4. A reason for selection the plan to solve the problem.

NOTE: Rubric in documents area

Source of Evidence: Written assignment(s), usually scored by a rubric

Target:

Critical Thinking: At least 60% of students will be scored at the Milestones (2 or 3 points) or Capstone (4 points) level in 3 of the 4 areas on the rubric.

NOTE: Rubric in documents area

SLO 2:  CORE Outcome: Communications

Upon completion of this course, the student will demonstrate his or her abilities to think critically, communicate quantitative information, and apply mathematical concepts:

Communication Skills: Use and present quantitative information in connection with an argument or problem solution and explicate it in an effective format.

Relevant Associations:

Standard Associations

New Core Component Areas
8 Mathematics (MA)
New Core Objectives
2 Communication (COM)

General Education/Core Curriculum Associations
3 Communication: Students will develop written and oral presentations that are clear, precise, organized,
Related Measures

M 2: CORE Outcome: Communications
During the period between midterms and finals, the student will provide a complete solution and explanation for a problem that has not previously been used in an assignment or lecture. The problem will be appropriate for the material that has been completed in class to date. A written paper will be required and will be scored based on a rubric developed to evaluate the Core Curriculum Outcomes:

Communication Skills: For this Outcome, the paper must include
1. Few, if any grammar errors,
2. A clear structure that flows from statement to solution, and
3. A clear explanation of the problem and interpretation of the solution.

Source of Evidence: Written assignment(s), usually scored by a rubric

Target:
Communication Skills: At least 60% of students will be scored at the Milestones (2 or 3 points) or Capstone (4 points) level in 2 of the 3 areas on the rubric. NOTE: Rubric in document area

SLO 3: CORE Outcome: Quantitative Thinking
Upon completion of this course, the student will demonstrate his or her abilities to think critically, communicate quantitative information, and apply mathematical concepts:

Empirical and Quantitative: Construct and present a detailed problem statement with evidence of relevant contextual factors and possible approaches for solving the problem, then implement a solution and review the results.

Relevant Associations:
Standard Associations
- New Core Component Areas
  - Mathematics (MA)
- New Core Objectives
  - Empirical & Quantitative Skills (EQS)

General Education/Core Curriculum Associations
- Quantitative Thinking: Students will demonstrate mastery of quantitative reasoning and algorithms used to address applied problems

Related Measures

M 3: CORE Outcome: Quantitative Thinking
During the period between midterms and finals, the student will provide a complete solution and explanation for a problem that has not previously been used in an assignment or lecture. The problem will be appropriate for the material that has been completed in class to date. A written paper will be required and will be scored based on a rubric developed to evaluate the Core Curriculum Outcomes:

Empirical and Quantitative: For this Outcome, the paper must include
1. A detailed problem statement, including relevant contextual factors and at least one alternate approach for solving the problem,
2. A detailed solution that is well structured and yields a correct answer, and
3. A review of the results of the solution.

Source of Evidence: Written assignment(s), usually scored by a rubric

Target:
Empirical and Quantitative: At least 60% of students will be scored at the Milestones (2 or 3 points) or Capstone (4 points) level in 2 of the 3 areas on the rubric. NOTE: Rubric in document area