

Mapping Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes

As part of program and course design and review, course outcomes of all the courses in a program should be mapped to the overarching program outcomes. The table below will allow you to complete this mapping process.

There are several benefits to mapping course outcomes to program outcomes:

- Course instructors will be fully aware of other courses in which students achieve similar outcomes and can plan their syllabi to reinforce outcomes, build skill/knowledge development, and avoid overlap.
- Course prerequisites and program requirements can be more easily determined based on how the outcomes fit together.
- A program map makes explanations of curriculum changes more transparent for committees at all levels – department, faculty, university-wide.
- An outcome map is a useful tool in a program review to show the logic and overall design of a program and to capture the relevance of its courses.

Use this program map to show connections between a single course's outcomes and the program's outcomes. Remember that not every program outcome must be addressed in each course:

Table 13. Map of Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes. Adapted from *Assessment primer: Curriculum Mapping*. University of Connecticut. <http://assessment.uconn.edu/assessment-primer/assessment-primer-curriculum-mapping/>.

| Course Outcomes | Program Outcome 1 | Program Outcome 2 | Program Outcome 3 | Etc. |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
| Course Outcome 1 | | | | |
| Course Outcome 2 | | | | |
| Course Outcome 3 | | | | |
| Course Outcome 4 | | | | |
| Etc. | | | | |

B = Basic, **I** = Intermediate, **A** = Advanced expectation for this outcome

While Table 13 is specific to identifying how an individual course's outcomes connect with the program's outcomes, the next program outcome map (Table 14) can be used to show how *all* the program outcomes are covered in the various required courses:

Table 14. Map of Program Outcomes to Courses

| Course | Program Outcome 1 | Program Outcome 2 | Program Outcome 3 | Etc. |
|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
| 100 | | | | |
| 101 | | | | |
| 102 | | | | |
| 200 | | | | |
| 201 | | | | |
| 300 | | | | |
| 400 | | | | |
| Etc. | | | | |

I = Introduced, **R** = Reinforced, **M** = Mastered