



Conversations with IRA: Can I Contribute to General Education?

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Learning Outcomes

- Be able to explain the value of general education assessment
- Be able to map the many ways that Howard University assesses general education
- Be able to explain how instructors, departments, and colleges and schools can engage in the assessment of general education



General Education at Howard University

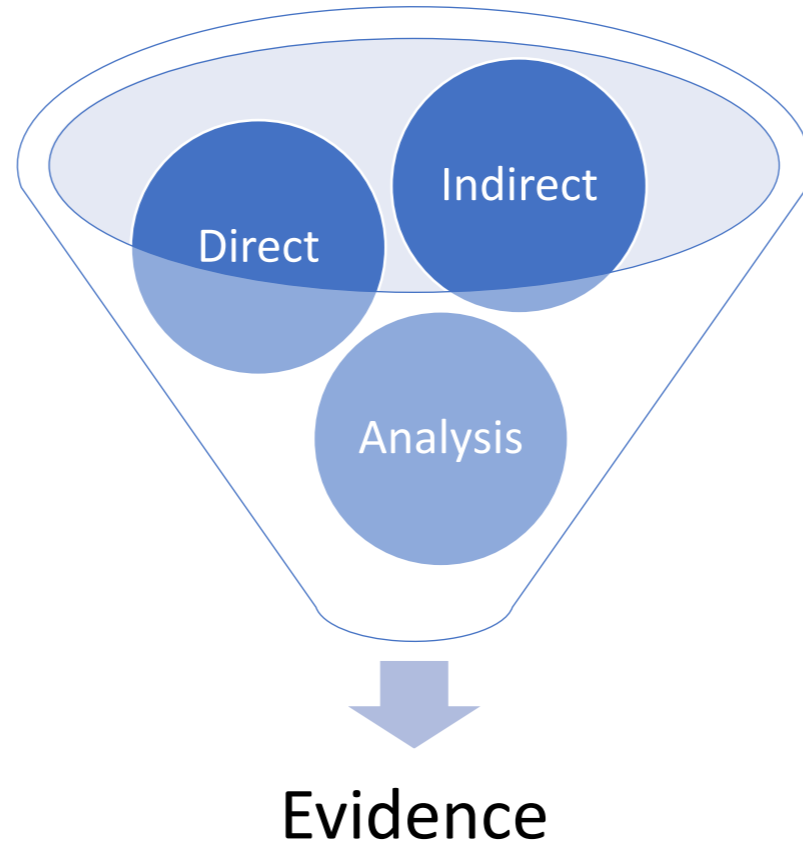
- **HUGE 21**
- **MSCHE Standard III**
- **Mission Alignment**
- **Expectation of All Undergraduate Programs**

MSCHE Standard III

- 5. at institutions that offer undergraduate education, a general education program, free standing or integrated into academic disciplines, that:
 - a. offers a sufficient scope to draw students into new areas of intellectual experience, expanding their cultural and global awareness and cultural sensitivity, and preparing them to make well-reasoned judgments outside as well as within their academic field;
 - b. offers a curriculum designed so that students acquire and demonstrate essential skills including at least **oral and written communication, scientific and quantitative reasoning, critical analysis and reasoning, technological competency, and information literacy.** Consistent with mission, the general education program also includes the study of values, ethics, and diverse perspectives; and
 - c. in non-US institutions that do not include general education, provides evidence that students can demonstrate general education skills;



How Do We Assess?



Indirect

- Course Evaluations
- Graduating Student Exit Survey



Direct

- At the level of an assignment
- At the level of a course
- At the level of a program
- At the level of a college or school
- “Found” data
- In-house assessment
- External standardized tests
- Student narratives



How Can You Contribute?

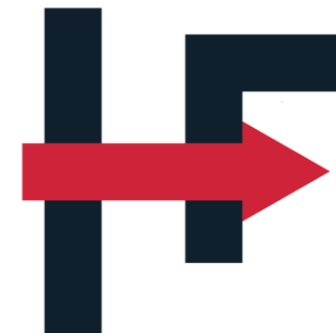
- Annual Assessment Academy
- Using the HU VALUE rubrics
- Providing data for a report
- Providing student artifacts to be evaluated



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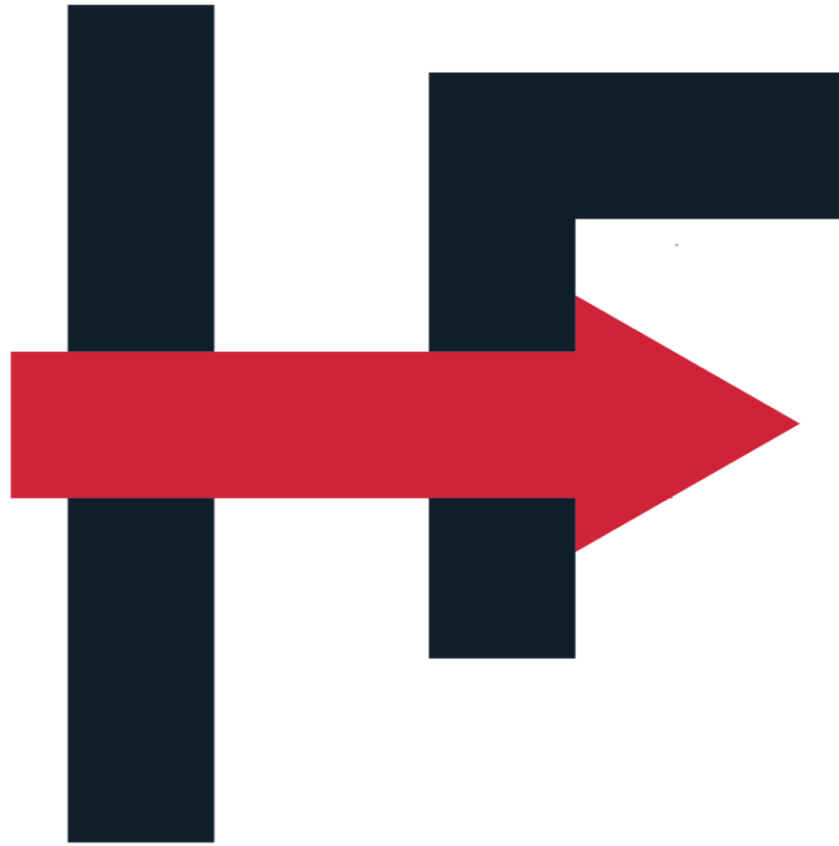
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