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**2025-2026 GEP Assessment of the Human Cultures and Sciences Level – Part I, Round III:**

**Natural Sciences [NSC] and Social Sciences [SS]**

**Course Portfolio Requirements**

# Initial Info

GEP Category:

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Course title and number:

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Semester and year (ex. Fall 2025, Spring 206):

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Please prepare the following attachments for your final course portfolio submission:

1. Course syllabus
2. Course assignment schedule (if in a separate file)
3. Samples of student work for one featured LO

Consult the current list of the [UWSP GEP Learning Outcomes](https://www.uwsp.edu/gep/Documents/gep-category-learning-outcomes.pdf).

Submission deadlines:

**The Fall 2025 submissions of the course portfolios will be due on Friday, February 6, 2026, and course portfolios from Spring 2026 will be due on Friday, June 5, 2026.**

Submission mode – [Electronic Portfolio in Microsoft Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/entity/a6b63365-31a4-4f43-92ec-710b71557af9/_djb2_msteams_prefix_1362195194?context=%7B%22subEntityId%22%3Anull%2C%22channelId%22%3A%2219%3A560ddc1cc57841d0a52e0b69113ebcde%40thread.tacv2%22%7D&groupId=55fced45-2185-463e-b6e8-433d49d68603&tenantId=209c4bad-df14-4172-87df-060f84f01a11)

Helpful Tip: *Make a copy of your portfolio first in Word,*

*it will preserve the information and speed up your submission.*

# First LO

*Please check the box of the appropriate GEP LO and you may delete those that do not apply to your portfolio.*

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|  | NSC LO1: | Explain major concepts, methods, or theories in the natural sciences to investigate the physical world. |
|  | SS LO1: | Explain or apply major concepts, methods, or theories used in the social sciences to investigate, analyze, or predict human behavior. |

1. A. Explain **the alignment** between your course learning outcomes (CLOs) and this GEP LO.

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B. Please specify how you **communicate** **in writing** the GEP LO to your students. (E.g. The GEP LO is included in the syllabus, Canvas, class handout(s), course assignment(s), personal course website, or not yet).

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1. Please provide a numbered list of **course learning activities** that support the development of student proficiency at this learning outcome, with a concise description of each activity.

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1. Describe **the assignment used to assess student achievement** of this learning outcome, specifying the assessment method and instrument. To create your assessment instrument, please use the assessment verbs from the GEP LO to ensure assignment between your evaluation of student performance and the intended outcome.

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1. **Assessment results**

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| NSC/ SS | Exceeded Expectations | Met  Expectations | Partially Met Expectations | Did not Meet Expectations | Not assessed |
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N (number of students assessed for this LO) =

**Important Note**: *If some students did not submit their assignments, note the number of students who were not assessed for each learning outcome, but do not include them in “Did Not Meet Expectations”*

1. **Interpretations** of Assessment Results
2. **Summary** – Please summarize the assessment results for this course by stating the number of students assessed and the distribution of their scores for each level of expectations. You can use percentages to better compare the current assessment results to the previous ones, if available.

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1. **Analysis** – Please comment on how evaluation criteria were met and if there are any trends in strengths and weaknesses of student learning relevant to this GEP LO.

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1. **Use of Results** – Please explain how you plan to use these results to maintain or improve student achievement of this GEP LO. (E.g. If your analysis shows deficits in particular component skills or knowledge, do you plan to change instruction, or formative assignments to improve students' learning? If the measurement was problematic, do you plan to change the manner of assessment? Are students performing well enough that you will make no changes at this point?)

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1. **Expanding Data Collection** - Assessing student achievement of learning outcomes every time you teach your course can improve your understanding of student learning by increasing your sample size, revealing patterns and trends, and showing you any changes over time. How can you make this assessment repeatable each semester you teach this course? (E.g. Using Canvas Rubrics and Outcomes to collect numeric data of student performance.)

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1. **Sample of Student Work** (if this is your featured LO)

Attach two files of **Student Work Samples**, representing two different levels of achievement. Remember to erase students’ identifying information such as names or ID numbers.

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1. Second level of achievement

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# Second LO

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|  | NSC LO2: | Interpret information, solve problems, and make decisions by applying natural science concepts, methods, and quantitative techniques. |
|  | SS LO2: | Examine and explain how social, cultural, or political institutions influence individuals or  groups. |

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|  | NSC LO3: | Describe the relevance of aspects of the natural sciences to their lives and society. |

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