General Education Assessment Plan

Objective: A comprehensive assessment of USU’s General Education Program will be facilitated by the Office of Analysis, Assessment, and Accreditation and the General Education Subcommittee of the USU Educational Policies Committee.

Strategies:

1. Pre- and post-testing for selected general education courses will be implemented, using an approach consistent with the program proposed by the Utah Board of Regents.

2. Focus groups will be conducted with students who are starting and who are completing their general education requirements. These sessions will provide information on how students perceive the experience and what they recommend changing.

3. An annual survey will be conducted of students who have finished the USU freshman orientation course (Connections) to determine their perceptions of the experience.

4. An in-depth analysis will be conducted of USU’s Computer and Information Literacy (CIL) tests to assess how freshman students’ computer skills are changing and how the tests should be modified.

5. The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) will be used to evaluate general education at USU compared to peer institutions.

6. The annual Freshman/Sophomore and Graduating Student Surveys will be used to determine students’ perception of general education at USU.