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### Core Assessment

As mentioned previously, a Core Assessment is now a required syllabus component for all courses of instructional delivery in the Park University system. The purpose of the Core Assessment is to determine whether or not the student can demonstrate proficiency in the Core Learning Outcomes for the course.

Beginning in the Fall 2005 semester, Park faculty members started the process of developing Core Assessments for all courses. As of the Fall 2006 semester, a Core Assessment (and an associated Core Assessment Rubric) had been developed for over half of the courses in the Park University undergraduate catalog. It is up to each Program to determine which faculty member(s) will develop and refine the Core Assessment for any given course.

A Core Assessment may be virtually any type of assessment instrument used in the classroom environment (written paper, test, etc.). However, since the Core Assessment must be exactly the same for every section of a given course during a semester, it is recommended that it be a paper or written homework assignment. Regardless of the type of assessment instrument used, every Core Assessment is required to have writing component.

### Core Assessment Requirements:

- ✱ Core Assessment must address at least three-fourths (75%) of the Core Learning Outcomes for the course including activities associated with the ability to think critically and communicate effectively.
- ✱ Core Assessment may not be due earlier than three-fourths (75%) of the way through the course.
- ✱ Core Assessment must be worth at least 20% of the final course grade.
- ✱ Core Assessment must be uniform for all sections of a particular course and must be included in all syllabi. Modifications of the defined Core Assessment activity are not permitted.
- ✱ A detailed Core Assessment Rubric (CAR) specific to the

relevant Core Assessment must be included in all syllabi.  
Modifications of the defined Core Assessment Rubric are not permitted.

- Core Assessment must include a writing component.

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### Core Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes submitted by a Department become "Core" Learning Outcomes upon approval by the University Assessment Committee. Three-fourths of these Core Learning Outcomes must be measured in or by the Core Assessment.

Note: The specification of Core Learning Outcomes for a particular course is not to be construed as a limitation on the addition of other instructor-added learning outcomes, contingent upon departmental approval.

Core Learning Outcomes must be clearly identified in the syllabus.

A Core Learning Outcome should be concise, brief, and use an imperative verb that connotes something measurable (observable). Use a variety of verbs from different levels of Bloom's Taxonomy where appropriate. (To view Bloom's Taxonomy click on "Imperative Verbs" at the top of your screen).

Examples of good imperative verbs are: demonstrate, analyze, express, evaluate, create.

▣ Imperative Verbs (Excel document)

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### Core Assessment Rubric

- ▣ [Program Modified CAR \(Recommended\)](#)
- ▣ [Enhanced CAR](#)
- ▣ [Graduate CAR](#)
- ▣ [Original CAR](#)

This is the where you will complete and print the rubric for your courses. If you would like information on developing rubrics, you will find out all you need to know to successfully make your Core Assessment Rubric. We will:

- ▣ [Answer your questions \(What is a rubric?\)](#)
- ▣ [Guide you in developing your rubric](#)
- ▣ [Provide examples of accepted rubrics](#)
- ▣ [Offer rubric forms for you to fill in with your course specific assignment criteria](#)

Please review the information before developing your rubric.

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