2023-2024 Program-Level Assessment Reporting in the Cloud! (AMS)**

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Why this work is important !!!

- Focus on what students know and are able to do The bigpicture view helps to identify if the program is achieving its intended learning outcomes.
- Identify strengths and areas for improvement
- Improves curriculum and instruction Allows for targeted adjustments/interventions to better support student learning
- Benefits students Ensures students receive a high-quality education that positions them for sustainable excellence in their chosen field.
- Demonstrate program effectiveness
 - Internal and external stakeholders to include accrediting bodies
 - Strengthens the program reputation
- Promotes continuous quality improvement





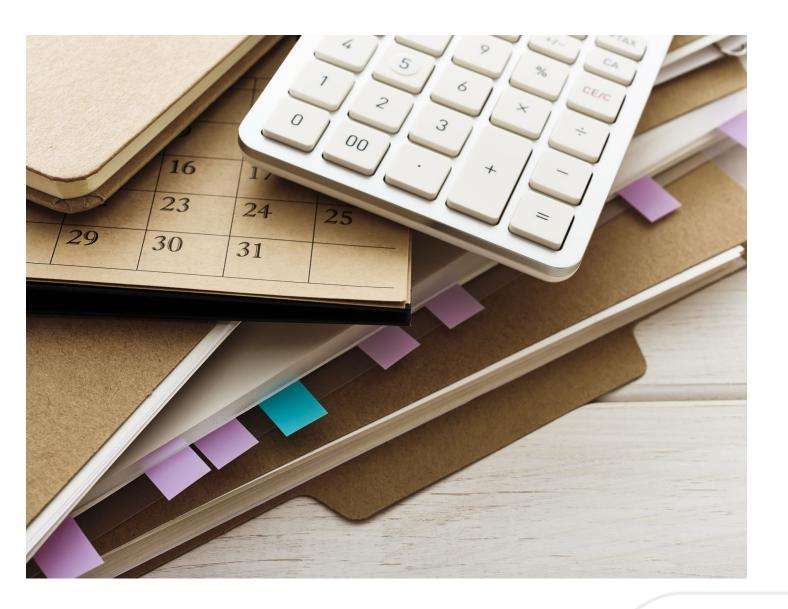
Key Dates

May 31, 2024

Annual Assessment Reports Due to Office of Academic Effectiveness

May 13-23, 2024

One-On-One opportunities to connect to discuss your 2023-2024 assessment report





Overview of Assessment



What is Assessment?

Assessment is a systematic process of gathering, analyzing, and interpreting evidence to determine the extent to which outcomes meet establish expectations (Suskie, 2004).

"Educational assessment is at heart an exercise in evidentiary reasoning. From a handful of things that students say, do, or make, we want to draw inferences about what they know, can do, or have accomplished more broadly." (Mislevy & Riconscente, 2005, p. iv).

What is a Program Level Student Learning Outcome

Specified knowledge, skills, abilities or attitudes that students are expected to attain by the end of a program of study.

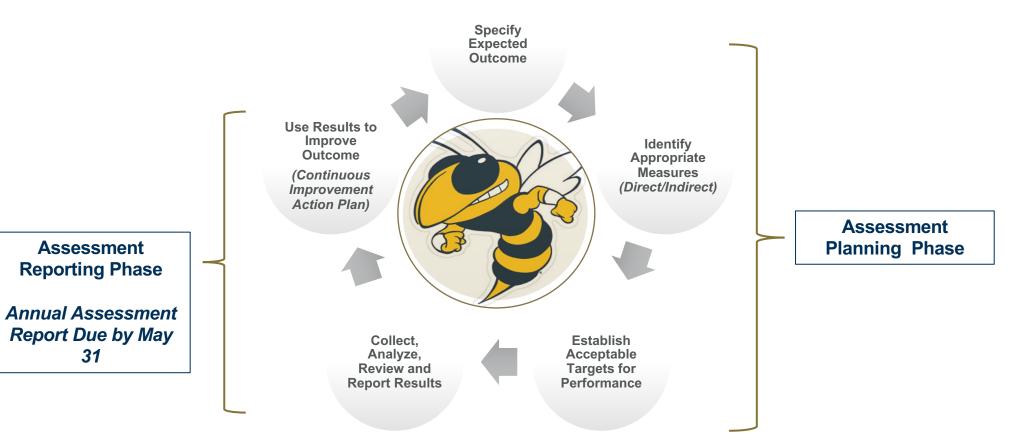


Approach to Meaningful Assessment

Assessment

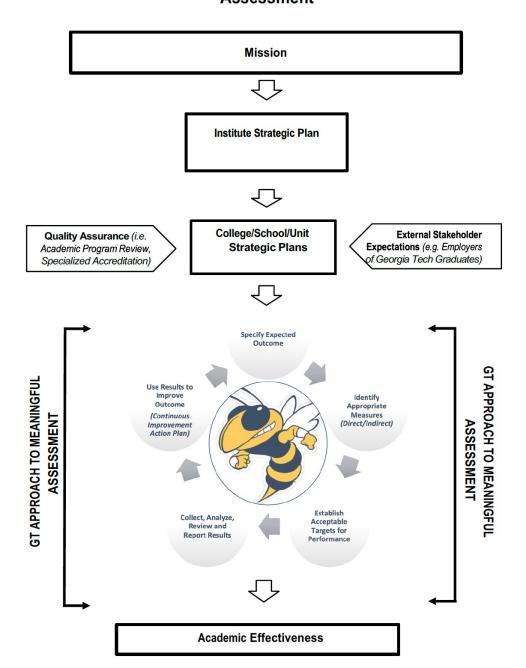
Reporting Phase

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Academic Effectiveness Framework for Meaningful Outcomes Assessment





Key Components of Assessment Process Unpacked

Step 1: Specify Expected Outcomes

The outcome should specify the knowledge, skills, abilities or attitudes that students are expected to attain by the end of the program of study.

Step 2: Identify Appropriate Measures

- Direct Assessment Measures: Captures students' actual performance in a way that demonstrates that specific learning has taken place.
- Indirect Assessment Measures: Captures student's perceptions of their learning.

Step 3: Establish Acceptable Targets for Performance Aligned with Each Measure/Method

The expected level of performance or the benchmark indicator for success.

Step 4: Collect, Analyze, Review and Report Results

A descriptive summary of the data collected at the measure level in alignment with the outcome. The summary should include where appropriate the specific percentage and sample size in alignment with the target for performance.

Step 5: Use Results to Improve Outcome (Continuous Improvement Action Plan)

Facilitates data-driven program improvement by documenting data usage in reports and generating actionable insights.



Assessment Toolkit:

https://academiceffectiveness.gatech.edu/assessment-toolkit

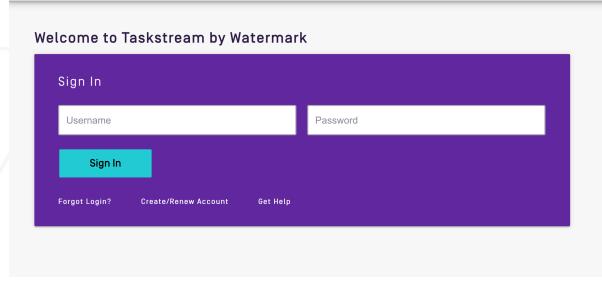


Accessing the Cloud-Based Assessment Management System



Link to AMS & Assessment Toolkit

5 taskstream by Watermark™



Link to GT AMS https://w.taskstream.com/cas/login?partnerId=uafjfjf9eu

Assessment Toolkit



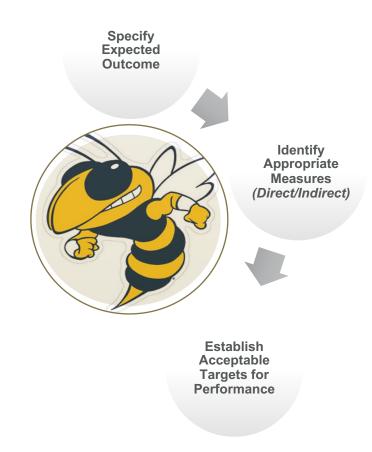
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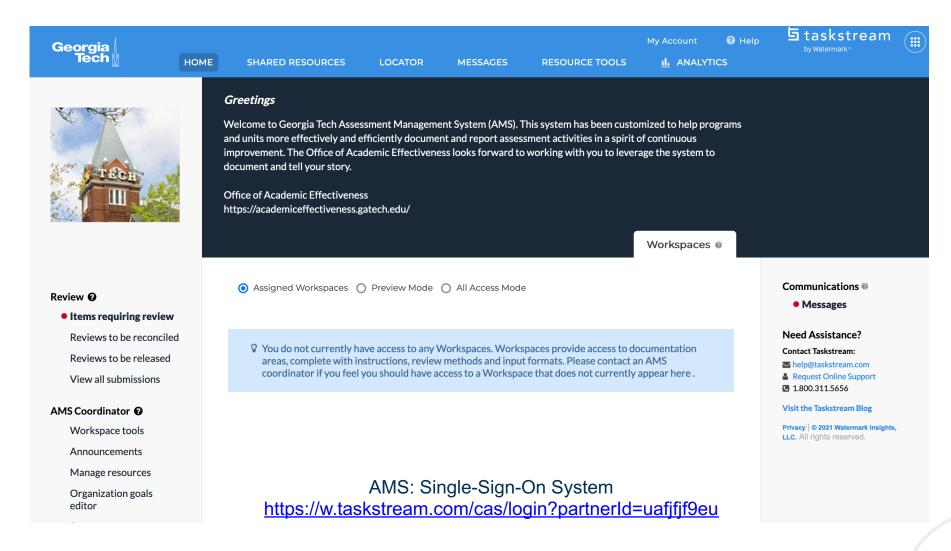
Review of the Planning Elements in AMS





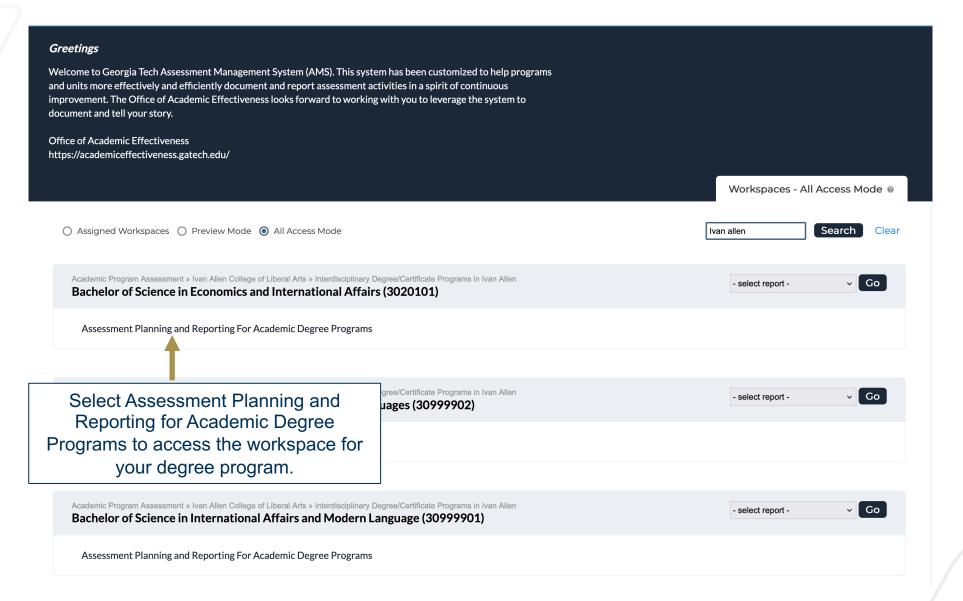




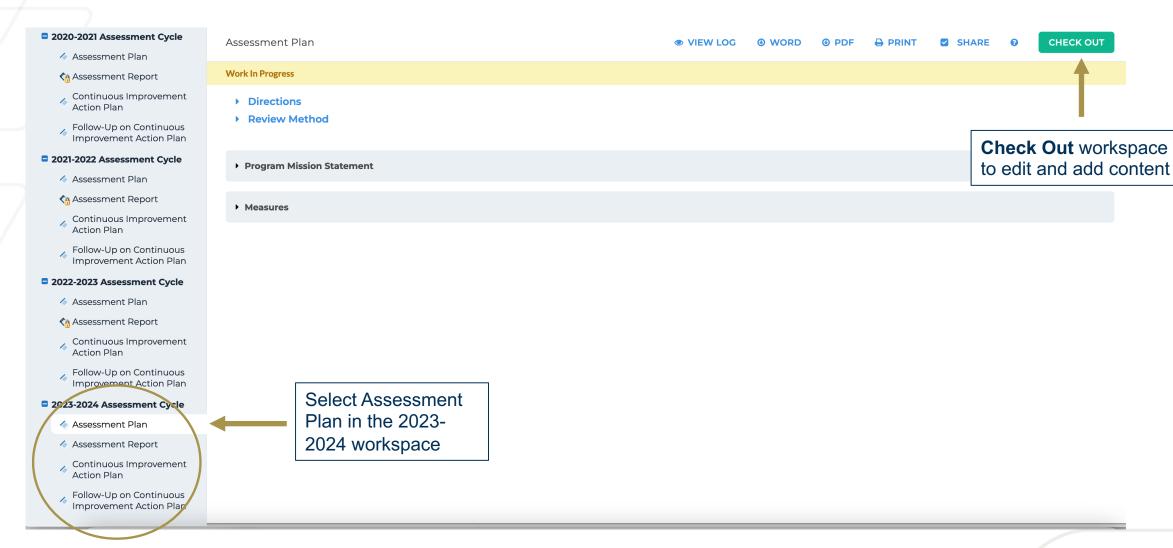




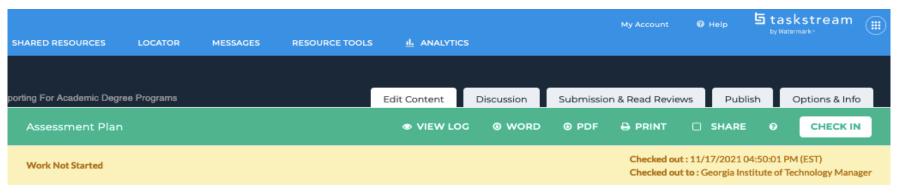
Accessing Your Degree Program Workspace











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Use this space to document your program's or department's assessment plan for the current assessment cycle.

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Review Method

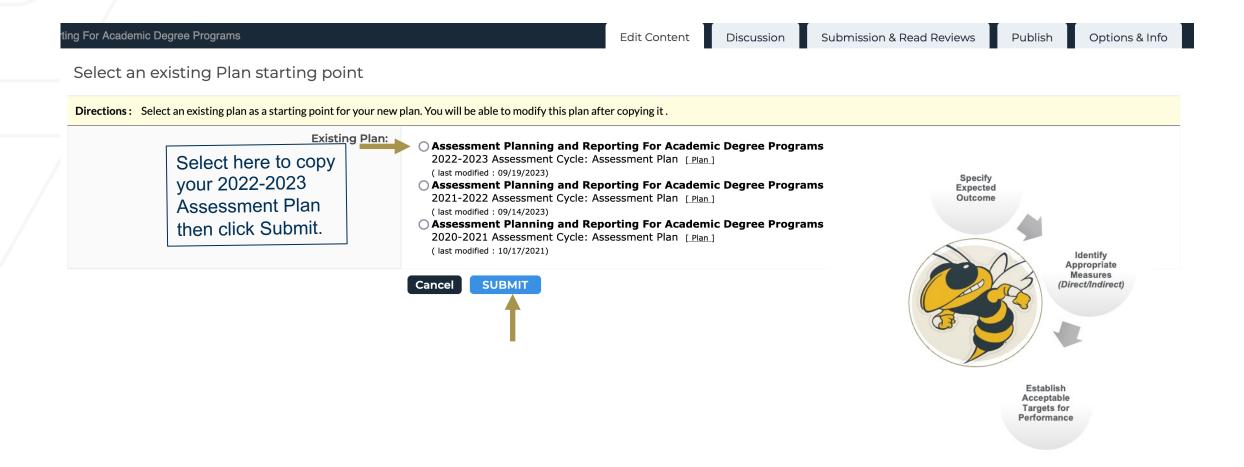
CREATE NEW ASSESSMENT PLAN

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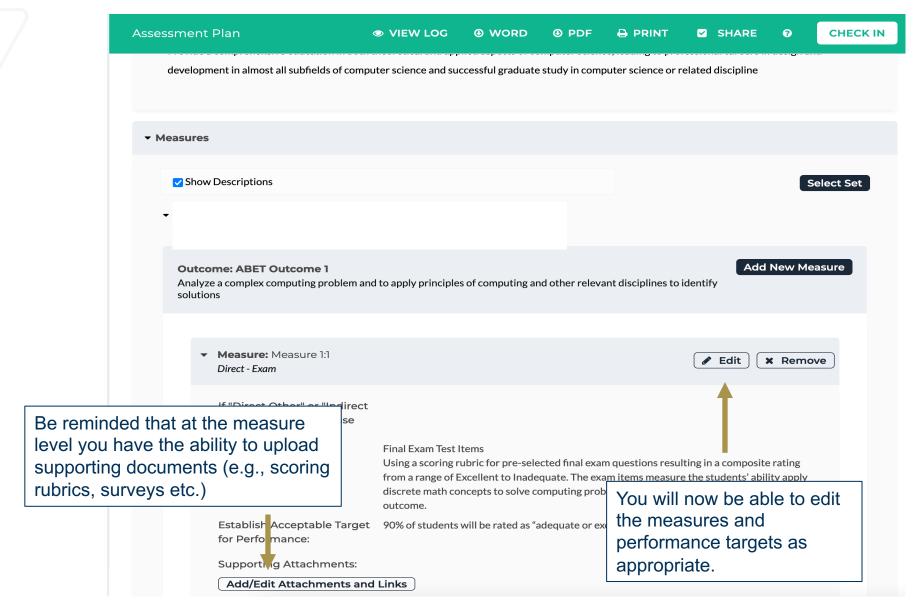


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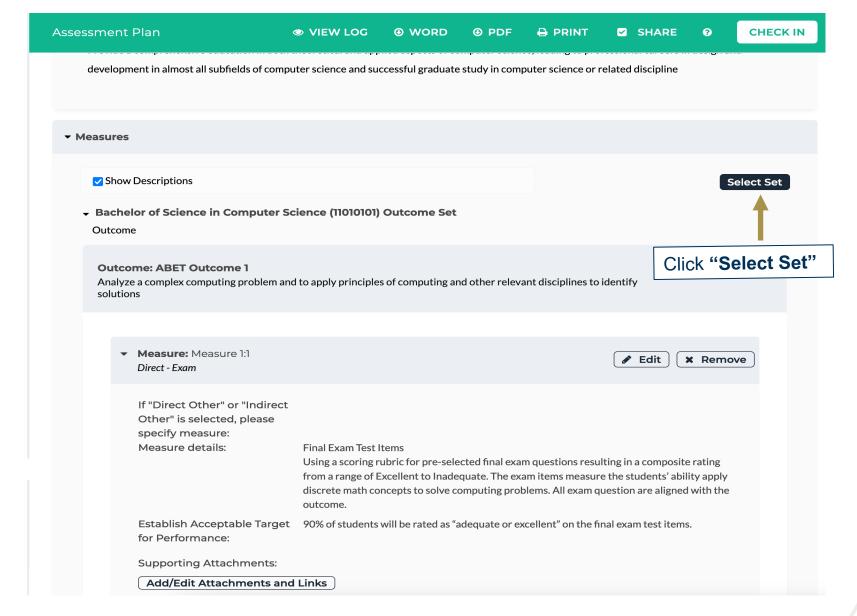






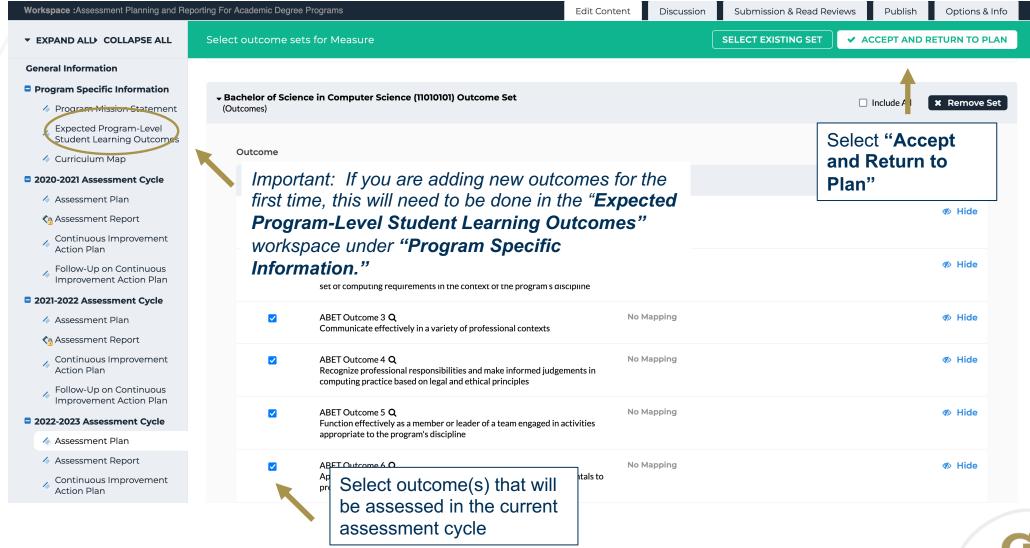


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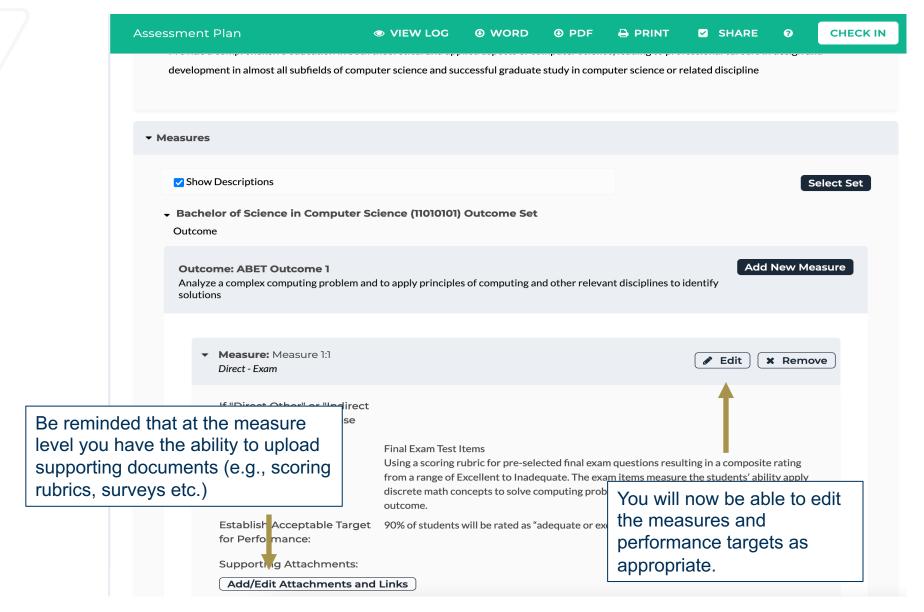




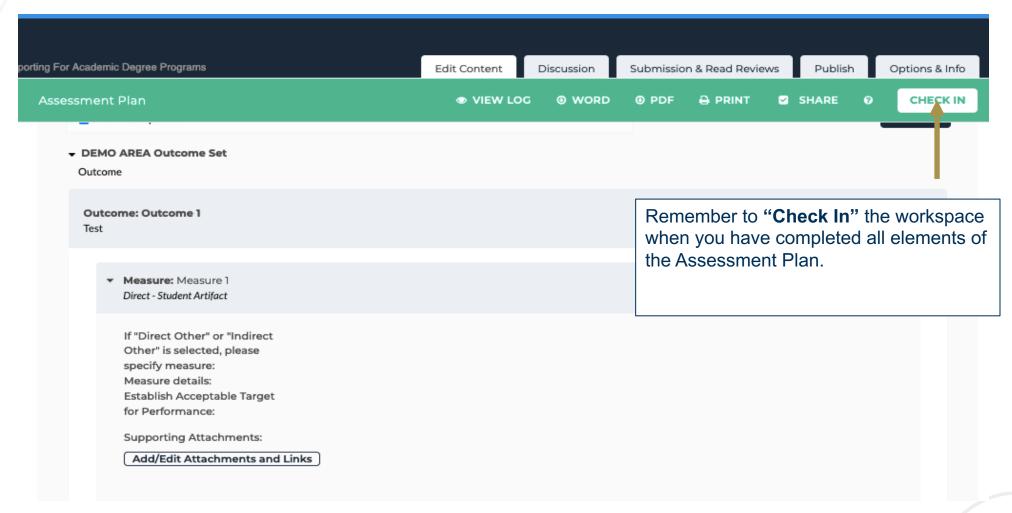
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Navigating the Assessment Reporting Workspace for the 2023-2024 Assessment Cycle

Assessment Reporting Phase

Reminder: 2023-2024
Assessment Reports are due by
May 31

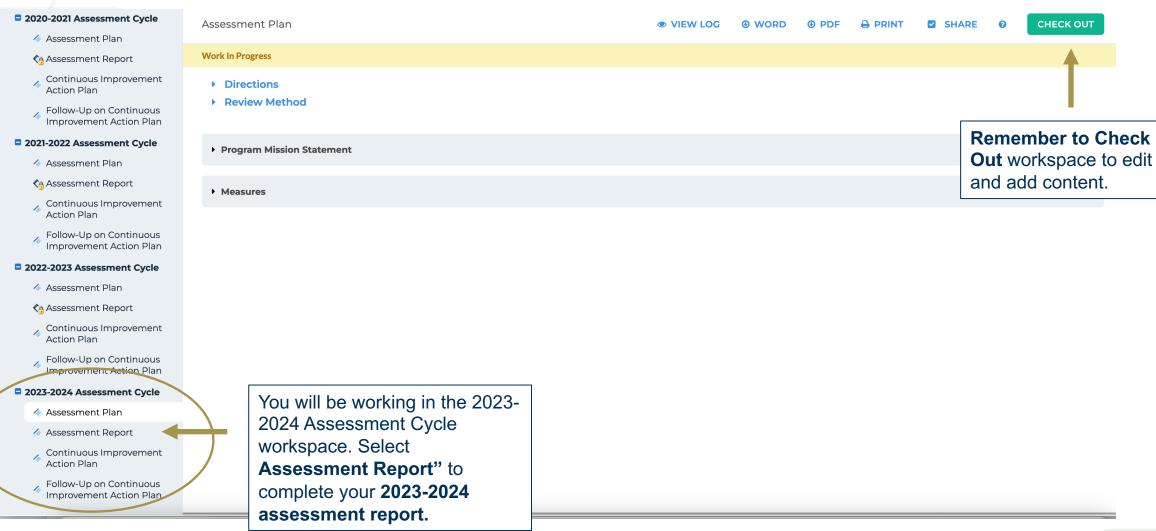




Collect, Analyze, Review and Report Results

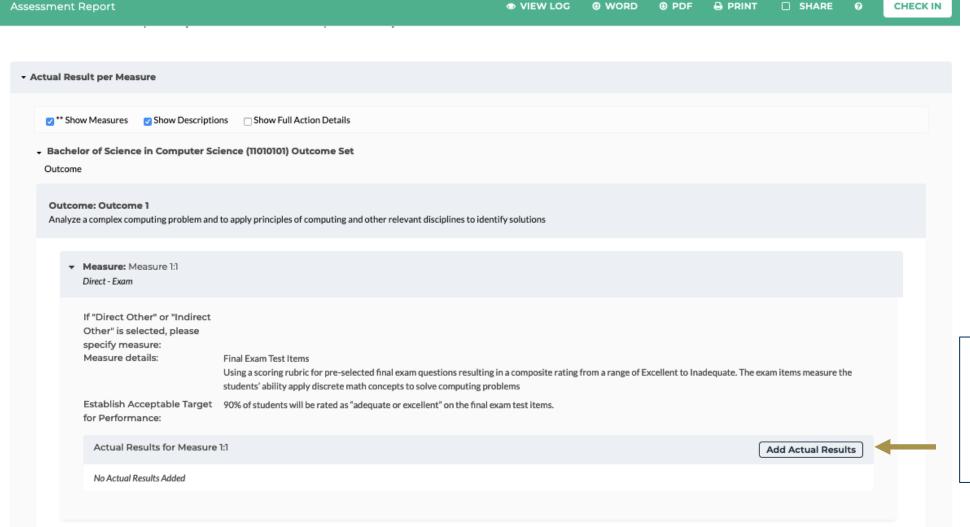


Navigating Reporting in AMS





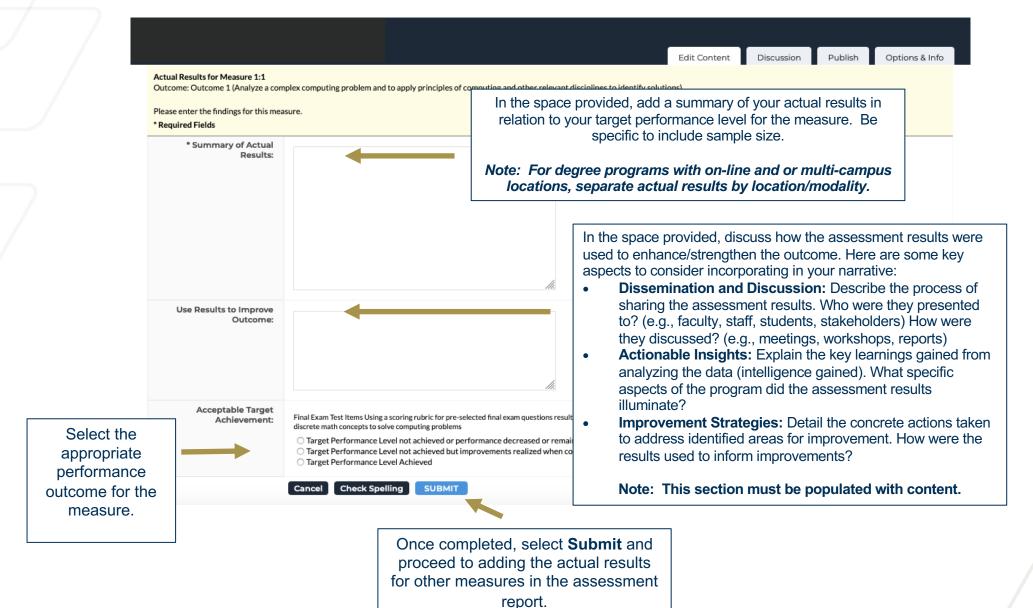
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Select "Add Actual Results" to enter your assessment results for each measure.



Navigating Reporting Cont...





Why "Use Results to Improve Outcome" Section is Important

- It helps to document what the program did with the data that were collected and reported.
- It provides evidence of how the program used the results for seeking improvements.
- Good assessment practice
- Key element for accountability with our institutional accreditor





Example "Use Results to Improve Outcome"

narrative

Example 1: The target performance level was achieved for this measure. A review of results for the last three assessment cycles shows consistent performance. While the program is satisfied with performance, we will stretch our performance target from 90% to 93% in the next assessment cycle and continue to reinforce multivariate statistical skills in ABC 1234 course. Additionally, the scoring rubric will undergo internal review to ensure that each performance element is clearly described for consistency in scoring.



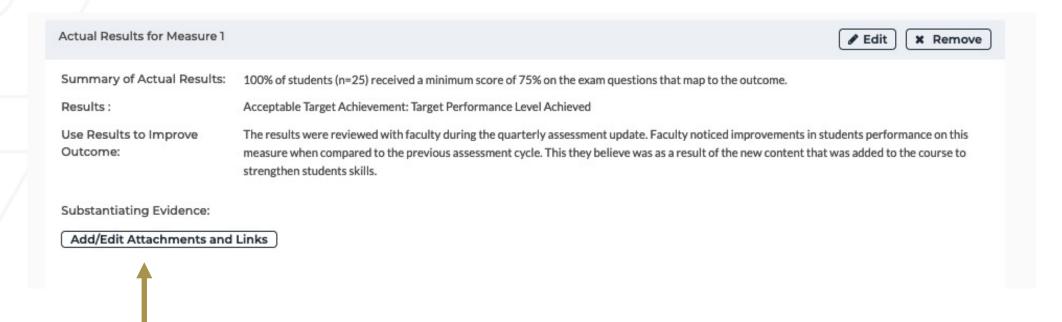
Example 2: The program tried something new this assessment cycle. Past performance has been fávorable, but for the first time we disaggregated our results at the measure level by gender for the key direct assessment used. To our surprise, females were significantly outperforming males. This stimulated deep discussions among faculty to better understand what might be occurring. The program decided to collect more data to try to better understand what might be occurring. Over the course of the next assessment cycle, the program will conduct focus groups with students and put systems in place to further disaggregate the performance data by race ethnicity.







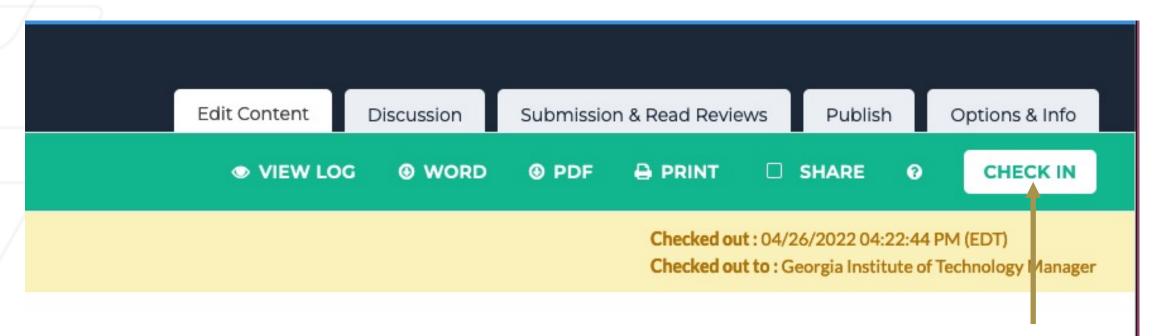
Navigating Reporting Cont...



Reminder: You have the ability at the results level to add any supporting documents.



Navigating Reporting Cont...



ssessments for this cycle. Please attach any relevant reports or other evidence to substantiate based on your analysis of the findings.

ach outcome and measure that was entered in the assessment plan, the system will automatic Add Findings button will be present. To add assessment findings to your workspace, click this findings has been added you may add any attachments or weblinks to that measure to provide T platform to collect and assess student artifacts, you will also be able to import LAT resequent measures that you wish to add. In order for others to access this requirement you will

Remember to "Check In" workspace when you finish entering all assessment results.

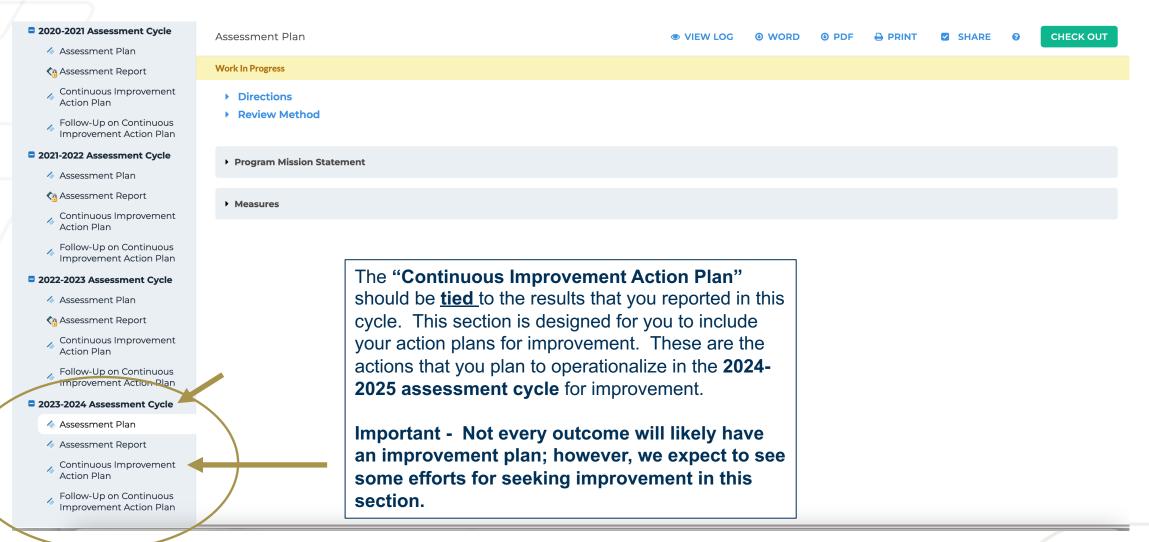




It's all about Continuous Improvement - it is the GT way!!!

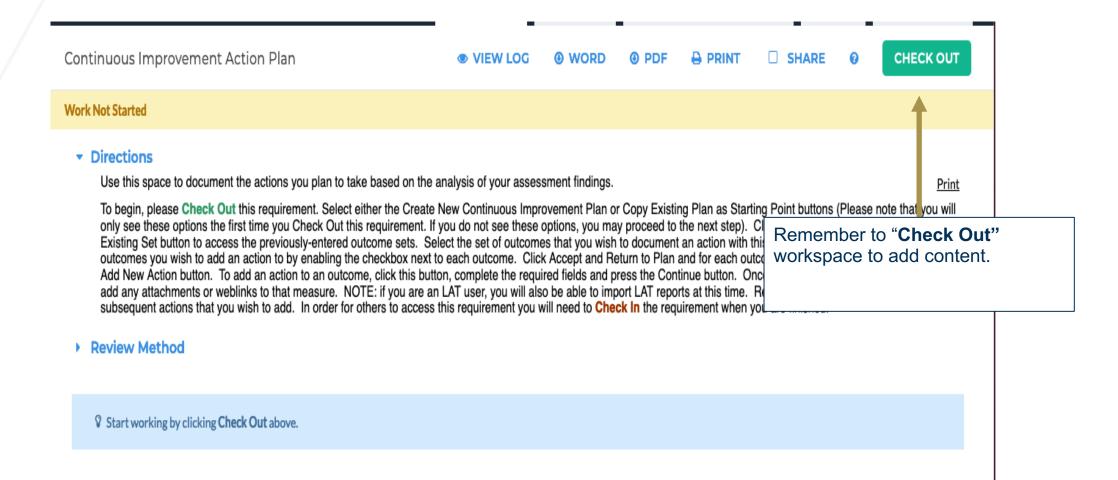


Navigating the Continuous Improvement Action Plan Cont...





Navigating the Continuous Improvement Action Plan Cont...





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Continuous Improvement Action Plan

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Use this space to document the actions you plan to take based on the analysis of your assessment findings.

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Review Method

CREATE NEW OPERATIONAL PLAN

COPY EXISTING PLAN AS STARTING POINT



Important: Select "Create New Operational Plan" to begin the process of building out your Continuous Improvement Action Plan.



Navigating the Next Continuous Improvement Action Plan Cont...

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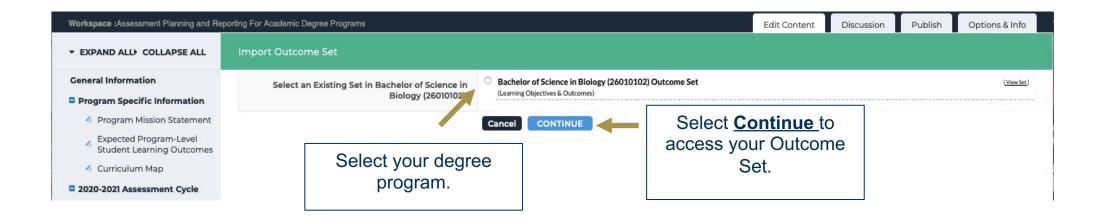
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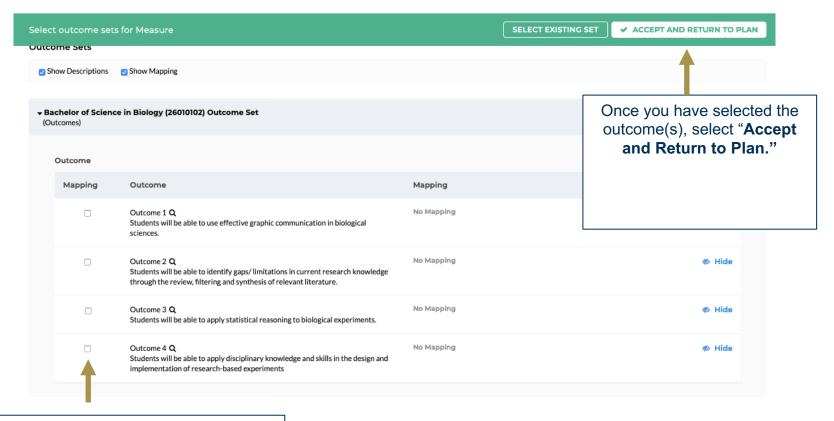
"Select Set" to access the outcomes you will provide improvement plans for that will be operationalized in the 2024-2025 assessment cycle.





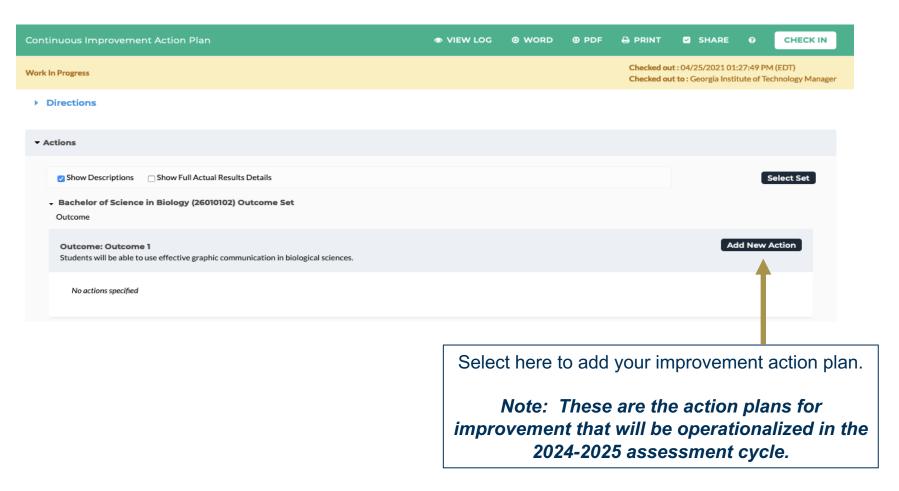




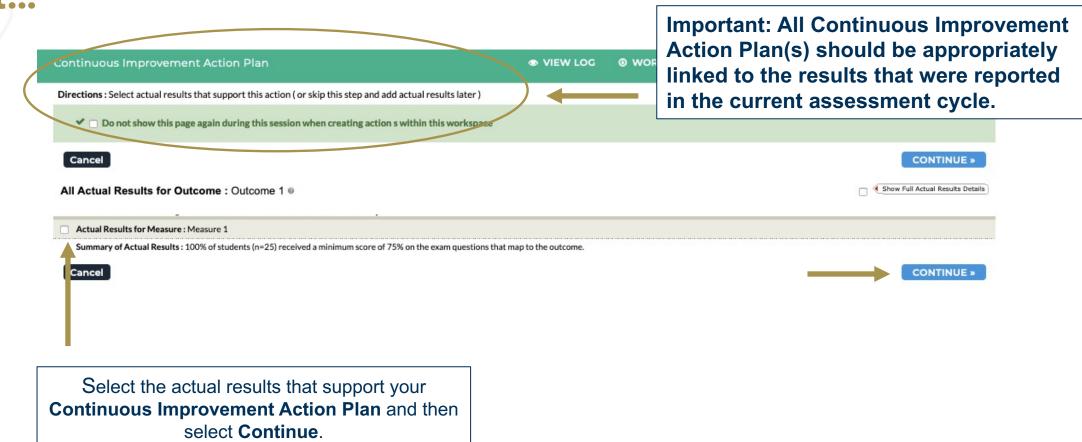


You will now have the ability to select the specific outcome/outcomes that you will develop Continuous Improvement Action Plan(s) based on the assessment results that will be operationalized in the 2024-2025 assessment cycle.



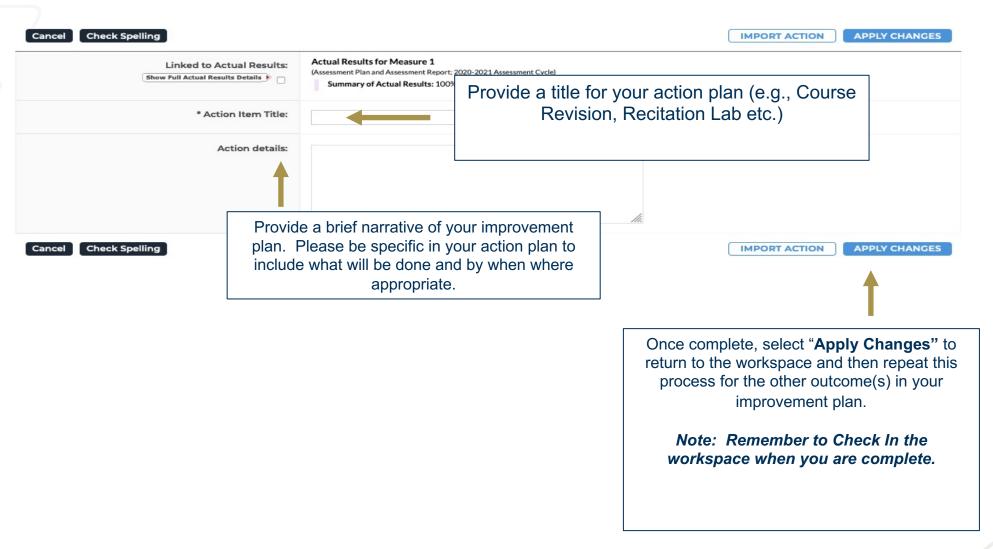








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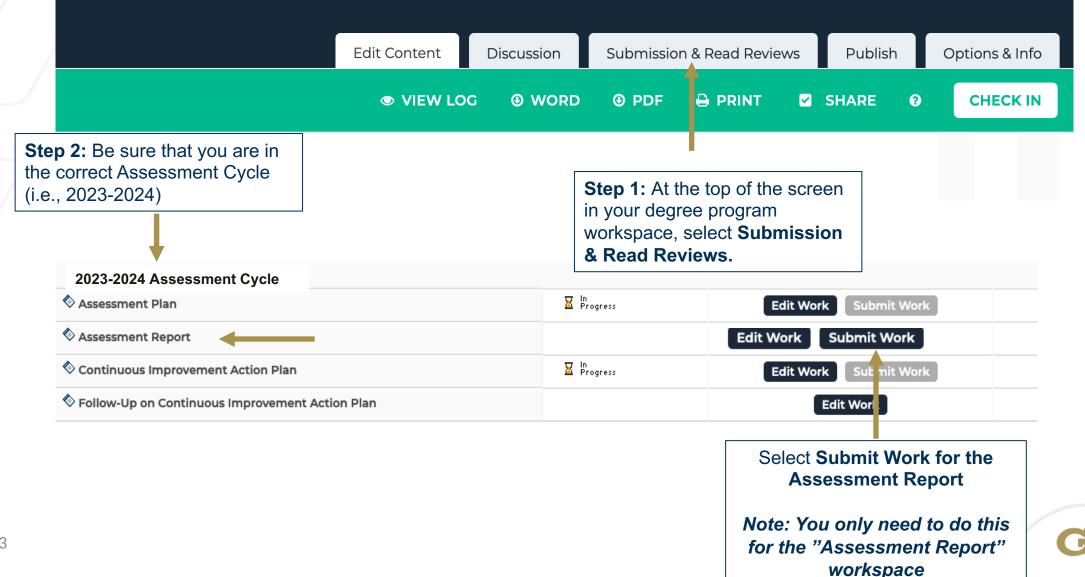


Submitting 2023-2024 Assessment Report

We do not know you are done until you **Submit.**As a reminder reports are due by **May 31**!!!



Submitting 2023-2024 Assessment Report



SACSCOC update and Assessment Reporting for Academic Degree Programs



Who is SACSCOC?

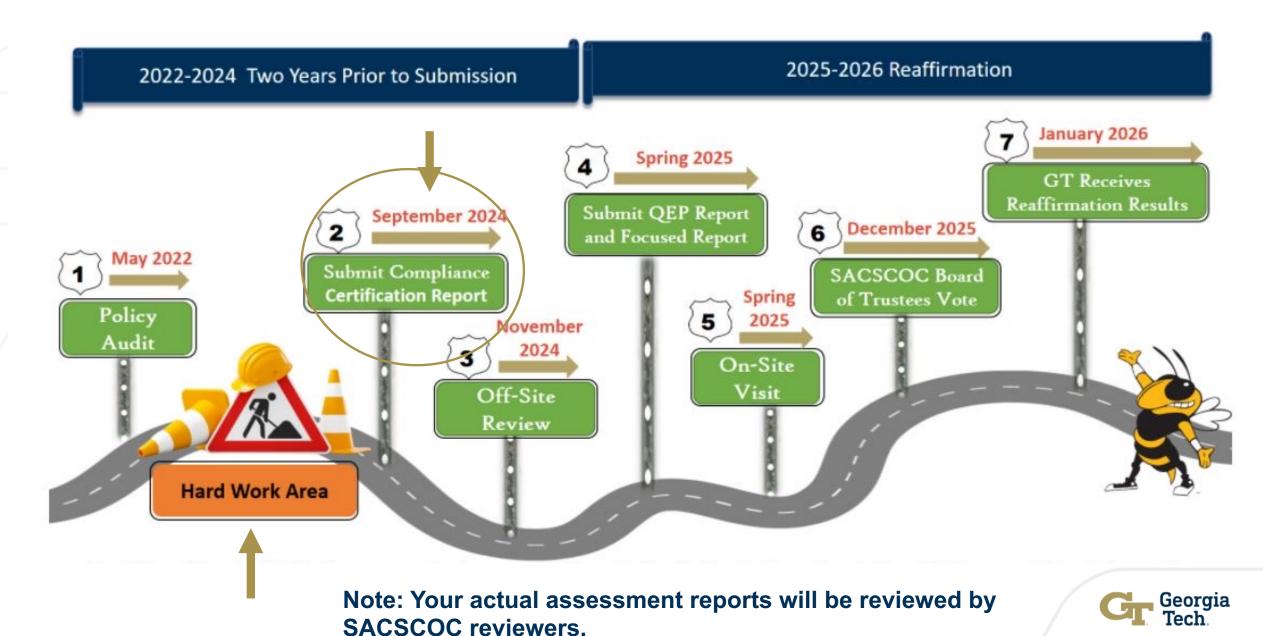
The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is the body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states.

SACSCOC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an institutional accreditor that serves as a gatekeeper for federal financial aid programs governed by Title IV of the Higher Education Act.





SACSCOC Timeline for 2025 Reaffirmation



SACSCOC Standard Related to Program-Level Assessment of Student Learning



The standard in a nutshell

8.2.a reads:

The institution identifies expected outcomes, assesses the extent to which it achieves these outcomes, and provides evidence of seeking improvement based on analysis of the results in student learning outcomes for each of its educational programs.

The focus of this standard is on the assessment of **Program-Level Student Learning Outcomes**.

Note: What you do is critically important for this standard.



Helpful links

Assessment Toolkit:

https://academiceffectiveness.gatech.edu/assessment-toolkit

Assessment Resources

https://academiceffectiveness.gatech.edu/assessment-toolkit/assessment-resources/

Accessing AMS (i.e., cloud-based Assessment Management System)

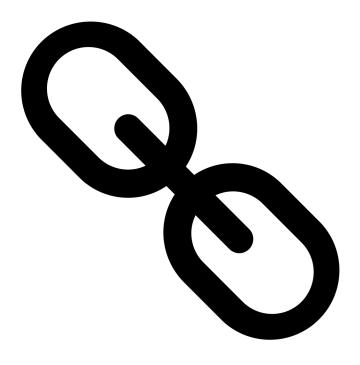
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Exit Survey Visualizations and Summary Data

https://www.academiceffectiveness.gatech.edu/surveys/institutesurveys#ExitSurveys

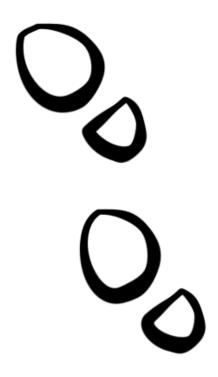
Office of Academic Effectiveness Events Page

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Next Steps & Opportunities to Engage



Assessment One-On-One

These are 30-minute sessions designed to answer your assessment related questions and provide you support in preparing your 2023-2024 Annual Assessment Report. Sessions will be offered starting May 13-23, 2024.

Annual Reports are due by May 31





Discussion, Questions, Comments, etc.)

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