

Spring 2025 Assessment News Brief

****Important Updates for
Submitting Assessment Reports!**



Program Spotlight

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The General Studies program uses data to make informed decisions that support our students' achievement of their academic, transfer, and career goals. With help from MC's Assessment Office and OIRE, the program was able to obtain National Student Clearinghouse data that tracked 1,834 General Studies alumni between 2018-2020 under all four core options (HACL, STEM, SSAH, & INTG) and 1,378 General Studies alumni who graduated from a 4-year institution between 2018-2024.

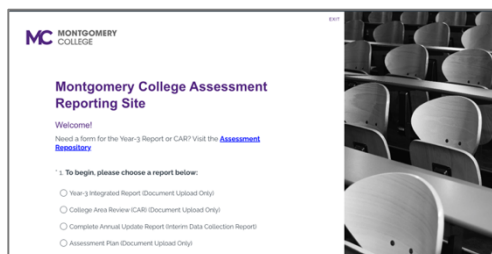
Here are three main points reflected through this data:

- Our **top five transfer institutions** are *UMD at College Park, UMBC, UMD at Baltimore, UMGC, and Towson University.*
- The **top bachelor's degrees** General Studies students pursued after transfer were in *psychology, nursing, criminal justice and criminology, government and politics, tech fields, and social work.*
- General Studies alumni **continued their studies** for a master's degree or higher in *social work, pharmacy, education, and technology-related fields.*

The data in this report contributes to the General Studies program's efforts to review and update existing pathways, identify new areas of interest, determine where additional student support may be needed, and reinforce collaboration efforts with our transfer partners towards the common goal of a smooth and successful transfer experience for our students.

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Revised Site for Uploading and Submitting Reports



The site for uploading reports has been revised to better accommodate submission of the Year-3 Integrated Report and to provide a central location for the submission of all assessment-related documents. **Moving forward, all assessment reports should be submitted via this new link.** The link for the new site has been placed in the Assessment Repository in Blackboard in several places: on the main menu to the left under “*Upload Reports Here,*” in *each academic discipline folder,* and *at the bottom of assessment report forms.*

Other Important Changes

The due date for the Interim Data Collection Report (aka the Annual Update Report) **will now be October 1**, (instead of August 1), to align with all other assessment report due dates and will continue to be completed online via the revised site.

The Year-3 Integrated Report (previously completed online) **will now be completed via a Word document and uploaded to the new reporting site.**

The Year-3 report forms can be accessed in the Repository under “*Resources, Forms and Templates,*” or within the respective discipline/program folders for those who are currently in Year 3 of the assessment cycle.

All CAR reports (with all required signatures and approvals) **should be uploaded via this site also.**

Upcoming 2025 Activities

A quick reminder that CAR Reports and Year-3 Integrated Reports will be due **in the Fall semester by October 1, 2025.**

Disciplines scheduled to submit their College Area Review (CAR) Reports for 2024-2025:

- Astronomy
- Behavioral Health
- Geology
- Health, Ex. Sci., & PHED
- MC Arts Institute
- Meteorology

Disciplines scheduled to submit their Year-3 Integrated Assessment Reports for 2024-2025:

- Arch Technology
- ASLP
- Auto Tech
- BLDG Trades Tech
- Construction Mgmt.
- Geography
- GHUM
- HORT
- Physical Science
- World Languages

****All other disciplines/programs should provide their Interim Data Collection/Annual Update Reports on assessment activities by October 1, 2025.**

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Assessment Workshops for Spring 2025

These Year-3 workshops are primarily aimed at anyone working on their Year-3 Reflection Reports and CAR reports for 2025 but are open to all disciplines, programs, or areas in any year of the cycle.

* All workshops will take place via Zoom

Topic	Dates/Times	Registration Link
Overview of the Year-3 Integrated Report Presented by Debbie Grubb	Wednesday, March 26 12:00 -1:00 pm	March 26th Registration Link
	Friday, March 28 2:00-3:00 pm	March 28th Registration Link
	Tuesday, April 1 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	April 1st Registration Link
	Friday, April 11 3:00 – 4:00 pm	April 11th Registration Link

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Assessment Software for Scoring Students

The Office of assessment has instituted two different software platforms for scoring students for general education assessment and program outcomes assessment. Over 30 courses have had students scored in the new eLumen system (individual instructor scoring) and approximately 10 disciplines and/or programs (including general studies) have utilized the Watermark system for juried assessment (anonymizing student work for scoring by groups of instructors). If your area is due to collect data, please contact the Office of Assessment to get information on which platform might be the most beneficial for your needs.



Have Assessment Questions?

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