Central Washington University  
Assessment of Student Learning  
Department and Program Report

Please enter the appropriate information concerning your student learning assessment activities for this year.

Academic Year of Report: _2010-2011_____ College: _COTS____________________
Department ___PHYSICS_________________ Program: __B.S./B.A.____________________

The physics department’s assessment committee met several times this past year (June 6, October 28, and December 2, 2011). The topics discussed at these meetings were regarding the astronomy minor and the assessment of writing within the major. There were also two additional information requests/announcements made at these meetings.

- What is the university doing regarding the recruitment of calculus-ready students? At this time, the physics department is unaware of a recruitment plan in place to accomplish this.
- There has been no response to the physics department’s past assessment activities from the upper administration, such as the 2009 Program Review. This is despite the numerous requests made by the physics department chair, the COTS Associate Dean, the COTS Dean along with the Provost’s assurances to the physics department chair in June 2011 that a written response to the physics department will be prepared.

Due to the lack of feedback provided to the physics department, we are uncertain how to proceed in our assessment of departmental programs. Therefore, the physics department requests feedback on its past assessment activities, such as the 2009 program review, by November 12, 2012. This should allow the physics department’s assessment committee to complete the 2010-2011 Assessment of Student Learning report at its next meeting, tentatively scheduled for November 30, 2012.