

Montreat College 2017-2018 Assessment Report

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| **School of Arts and Sciences** | | | | |
| **Department**  Major | | **Minor** | **Associates Degree** |  |
|  | | | Arts |  |
|  | | | Science |  |
| **Bible and Ministry** | | | | |
|  |  | Philosophy & Worldviews |  |  |
| Bible and Theology | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Bible and Theology |  |  |
| Christian Ministries | |  |  |  |
|  | | Christian Ministries |  |  |
| Interdisciplinary Studies | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Interdisciplinary Studies |  |  |
|  |  | Leadership |  |  |
| Outdoor Ministry | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Outdoor Ministry |  |  |
| Worship Arts | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Worship Arts |  |  |
|  |  | Youth and Family Ministry |  |  |
| **Business** | | | | |
| Business Administration | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Business Administration |  |  |
| Music Business | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Music Business |  |  |
| **Cybersecurity** | | | | |
| Cybersecurity | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Cybersecurity |  |  |
| **Education** | | | | |
| Educational Studies | |  |  |  |
| Elementary Education | |  |  |  |
| Outdoor Education | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Outdoor Education |  |  |
| **English, Communication, and Language** | | | | |
| English | |  |  |  |
|  |  | English |  |  |
|  |  | Spanish |  |  |
| Communication | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Communication |  |  |
| **Fine Arts** | | | | |
|  |  | Art |  |  |
| Music | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Music |  |  |
| Theatre | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Theatre |  |  |
| **History** | | | | |
| American Studies | |  |  |  |
| History | |  |  |  |
|  |  | History |  |  |
| Honors Program | |  |  |  |
| **Natural Sciences** | | | | |
|  |  | Chemistry |  |  |
| Biology | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Biology |  |  |
| **Department**  Major | | **Minor** | **Associates Degree** |  |
| Environmental Science | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Environmental Science |  |  |
| Exercise Science | |  |  |  |
| Health Science | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Physical Education |  |  |
| **Psychology and Human Services** | | | | |
| Psychology and Human Services | |  |  |  |
|  |  | Adventure-Based Counseling |  |  |
|  |  | Psychology and Human Services |  |  |
| **School of Adult and Graduate Studies** | | | |  |
|  | | | Business |  |
|  | | | General Studies |  |
| **Bible and Ministry** | | | |  |
| Bible and Religion | |  |  |  |
| Preaching and Evangelism | |  |  |  |
| **Business** | | | |  |
| Business Administration | |  |  |  |
| Human Resource Management | |  |  |  |
| Management | |  |  |  |
| Marketing | |  |  |  |
| **Cybersecurity** | | | |  |
| Cybersecurity | |  |  |  |
| **Psychology & Human Services** | | | |  |
| Psychology & Human Services | |  |  |  |
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**Montreat College Education Objectives (2017-2018)**

The educational goals of the College (aligned with the 3 Pillars of the Montreat College Mission) are that students will develop the following:

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| **1. Intellectual inquiry** |
| 1.1.   Effective written and oral communication skills. |
| 1.2.   Critical thinking and problem-solving skills. |
| 1.3.   Essential computer information systems skills. |
| 1.4.   Competency in their academic majors. |
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| **2. Spiritual formation** |
| An informed, biblical worldview that includes the following: |
| 2.1.   The sovereignty of God over all creation and knowledge. |
| 2.2.   A lifestyle of Christian service to others and the community. |
| 2.3.   The recognition of the intrinsic worth of self and all persons. |
| 2.4.   A genuine critical openness to the ideas and beliefs of others. |
| 2.5.   The formation of values and ethical reasoning. |
| 2.6.   An appreciation for what is beautiful, true, and good in the arts and literature. |
| 2.7.   A respect for and attitude of stewardship toward the whole of creation. |
| 2.8.   An understanding of the past and its interconnectedness with the present and future. |
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| **3. Preparation for Calling and Career** |
| 3.1.   Interpersonal and team skills and an understanding and appreciation of their personal strengths and weaknesses. |
| 3.2.   Dispositions toward reflective and responsible citizenship needed to fulfill callings as effective leaders and committed laity. |



**Montreat College Strategic Plan 2017-2018 Draft**

Montreat College Mission

“Montreat College is an independent, Christ-centered, Liberal arts institution that educates students through intellectual inquiry, Spiritual formation, and preparation for calling and career, all to impact the world for Jesus Christ.”

Objective #1

1. Intellectual Inquiry
   1. Academic Programs
      1. Science: Health/Natural sciences
      2. Technology: Cybersecurity
      3. Honors: Great books/big questions (moving towards an Honors College)
      4. Business: rebuild and expand programs
   2. Academic Competitive teams
2. Spiritual Formation
   1. Dean of Spiritual Formation
   2. Assess freshman through senior development
   3. Identify development
   4. Worldview in curriculum/co-curriculum
3. Calling and Career
   1. Internship Growth
   2. Expand delivery of self-assessment
   3. Increase job Prospects for graduates
   4. Engage alumni network

Objective #2

1. Strengthen the Model
   1. Enrollment growth
      1. Grow enrollment in SAS and AGS
      2. Grow retention in SAS (roughly 60-70% freshman to sophomore fall-fall) and AGS
   2. Catalyze regional economy
      1. Entrepreneurship
      2. Commercialization, not incubation
      3. Medlaunch
         1. Health Science
      4. CyberLaunch
         1. Cyber consultant
         2. Regional training center
      5. Expand camp/conference footprint
   3. Increase and expand gift income
      1. Expand donor base
      2. Programmatic funding
      3. Capital funding
      4. Endowment growth

**Findings in Brief for 2017-2018 Academic Year**

Academic programs, Administrative units, and Academic Support units establish assessment plans annually that provide evidence of progress towards achieving Educational Objectives (E.O.) and Strategic Plan Objectives (S.P.O.) in the form of discrete measurements. The College Educational Objectives are provided on the back of this brief. Programs and units measure a subset of the E.O. and S.P.O. each academic year. Below is a list of successes and missed opportunities that summarizes the full assessment report (161 pages).

**Successes**

* 48 SAS programs assessed of 12 of the 14 Montreat College E.O.
  + a total of 89 measures reported across all programs
  + 71% provided evidence that the E.O. had been achieved or exceeded
  + 26 plans were developed to improve progress towards E.O. for next year
* 11 AGS programs assessed of 5 of the 14 Montreat College E.O.
  + a total of 20 measures reported across all programs
  + 60% provided evidence that the E.O. had been achieved or exceeded
  + 8 plans were developed to improve progress towards E.O. for next year
* Of the 12 E.O. assessed, at least 1 measurement was achieved (100%)
* 15 Administrative and Academic Support Units assessed 16 of the Montreat S.P.O.
  + a total of 133 measures reported across all programs
  + 70% provided evidence that the S.P.O. had been achieved or exceeded
  + 49 plans were developed to improve progress towards S.P.O. next year

**Missed Opportunities**

* 29% of the SAS measures provided evidence that the E.O. had not been achieved
* 40% of the AGS measures provided evidence that the E.O. had not been achieved
* 30% of the Administrative and Academic Support measures provided evidence that the S.P.O. had not been achieved.

Note: For each of the measurements represented above, a plan has been developed for improving progress towards that goal next year.

**Executive Summary**

**Academic Programs**

Figure 1 below provides a breakdown of the number of students in the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) who declared first major in each academic program.

Figure 1.

*Note:* UND = undeclared

Figure 2 below provides a breakdown of the number of students in the School of Adult and Graduate Studies (AGS) who declared first major in each academic program.

Figure 2.

Figure 3 below provides a breakdown of the number of students in SAS graduating from each program.

Figure 3.

Figure 4 below provides a breakdown of the number of students in AGS graduating from each program.

Figure 4.

In the 2017-2018 Academic Year 48 SAS programs conducted assessments of 12 of the 14 Montreat College Educational Objectives (E.O.). The 2 E.O. not assessed by any program were 2.7. A respect for and attitude of stewardship toward the whole of creation and 3.2. Dispositions toward reflective and responsible citizenship needed to fulfill callings as effective leaders and committed laity. The other 12 E.O. were assessed a total of 48 times collectively. The number of SAS programs assessing each E.O. are presented below in Figure 5. Each program used various measures as evidence of progress towards to achieving each E.O., with a total of 89 measures reported across all programs. Of the total measures reported by programs, 71% provided evidence that the E.O. had been achieved or exceeded, and 29% of the measures provided evidence that the E.O. had not been achieved. In every case where a measure did not reach the acceptable benchmark measurements set by the program, a plan was developed to address the weakness next year (N = 26). The measures for each E.O. are presented below in Figure 6.

Figure 5.

Figure 6.

In the 2017-2018 Academic Year 11 AGS programs conducted assessments of 5 of the 14 Montreat College Educational Objectives (E.O.). The 5 E.O. were assessed a total of 11 times collectively. The number of SAS programs assessing each E.O. are presented below in Figure 7. Each program used various measures as evidence of progress towards to achieving each E.O., with a total of 20 measures reported across all programs. Of the total measures reported by programs, 60% provided evidence that the E.O. had been achieved or exceeded, and 40% of the measures provided evidence that the E.O. had not been achieved. In every case where a measure did not reach the acceptable benchmark measurements set by the program, a plan was developed to address the weakness next year (N = 8). The measures for each E.O. are presented below in Figure 8.

Figure 7.

Figure 8.

**Administrative and Academic Support Units**

In the 2017-2018 Academic Year 15 Administrative and Academic Support Units conducted assessments of 16 of the Montreat Strategic Plan Objectives (S.P.O.). The 16 S.P.O. were assessed a total of 80 times collectively. The number of Administrative and Academic Support Units assessing each S.P.O. are presented below in Figure 9. Each unit used various measures as evidence of progress towards to achieving each S.P.O., with a total of 133 measures reported across all programs. Of the total measures reported by units, 70% provided evidence that the S.P.O. had been achieved or exceeded, and 30% of the measures provided evidence that the S.P.O. had not been achieved. In every case where a measure did not reach the acceptable benchmark measurements set by the program, a plan was developed to address the weakness next year (N = 49). The measures for each S.P.O. are presented below in Figure 10.

Figure 9.

Figure 10.