

SESSION 3: CURRICULUM MAPPING AND ASSESSMENT

Curriculum Mapping

Where are attributes/
indicators developed?

Where are attributes/
indicators assessed?

CEAB Reporting requirement

List all learning activities (courses etc) that relate to specific graduate attributes. Highlight those activities where student achievement has been, or is planned to be, assessed.

Please delete the sample entries and highlighting to use this table.

Table 3.1.1:

Summary Graduate Attribute Curriculum Map

CEAB: Course learning outcomes

Appendix 6C - Course Information Sheet

Process Tool: Curriculum map

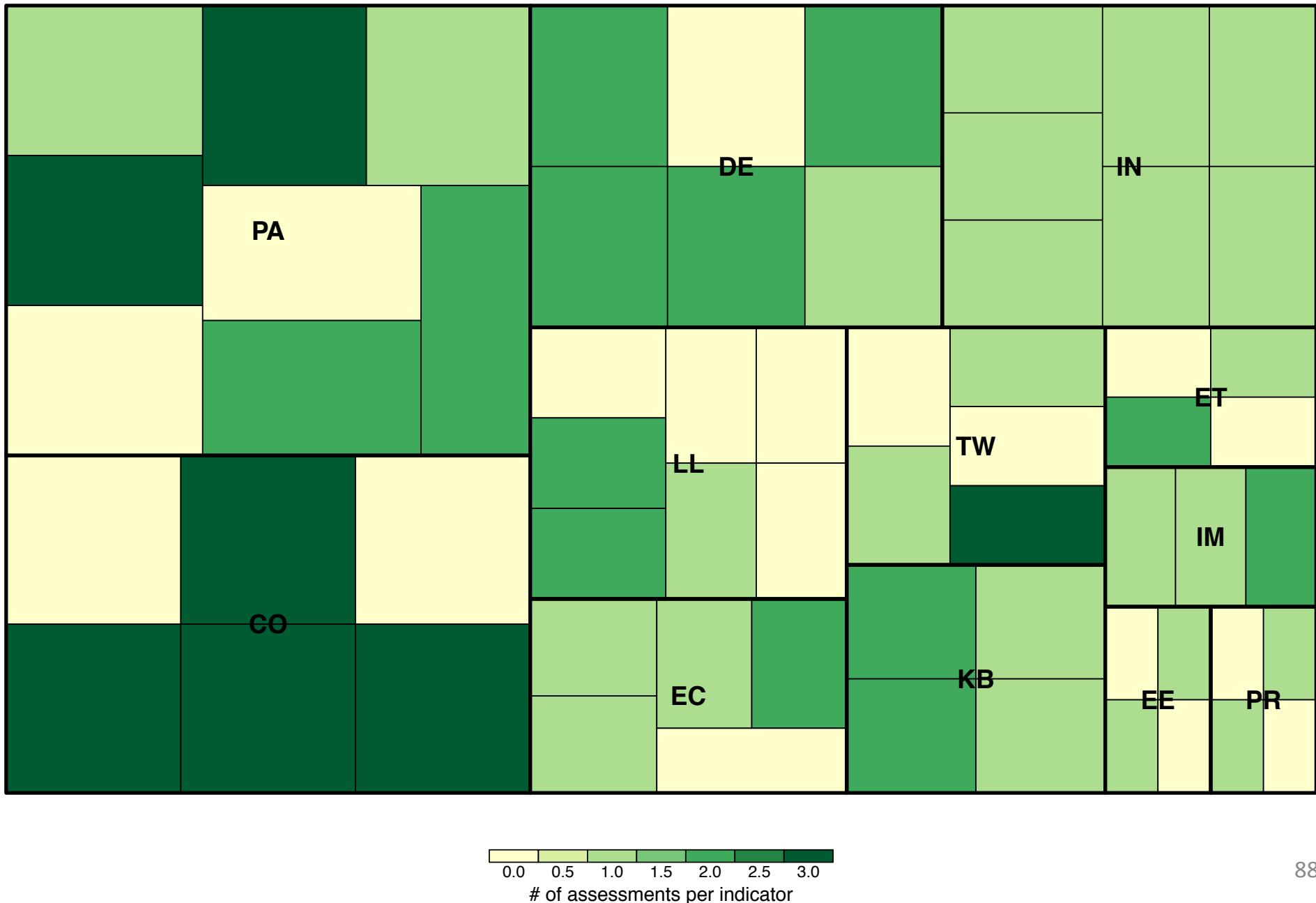
	APSC 100	APSC 111	APSC 131	APSC 151	APSC 161	APSC 171
Problem Analysis (APSC-PA-xx-01)	Develop, Assess	-	Develop, Assess	Develop, Assess	Assess	-
Design (APSC-DE-xx-02)	Develop, Assess	-	-	Assess	-	-
Communication (APSC-CO-xx-02)	Develop, Assess	-	Assess	Develop, Assess	-	-
Impact of Engineering (APSC-IM-xx-03)	Develop, Assess	-	Assess	Assess	-	-

Questions for mapping

- What are your course learning outcomes? (**What**)
- Does your course specifically develop the CLO? (**How**)
- Which Program level learning outcomes (indicators/GA's) map to your CLOs (**What**)
- What are your assessments? (**How**)
- When do these occur? (**When**)
- Which CLOs map to which assessment? (**Where**)
- What is the type of each assessment? (**What**)
- What is the complexity of the assessment? (**Complexity**)
- What scaffolding is provided in the assessment? (**Scaffolding**)
- How long between instruction and assessment of CLO? (**How**)
- Who assesses student work? (**Who**)
- What are the expectations for achieving the outcome? (**Expectations**)

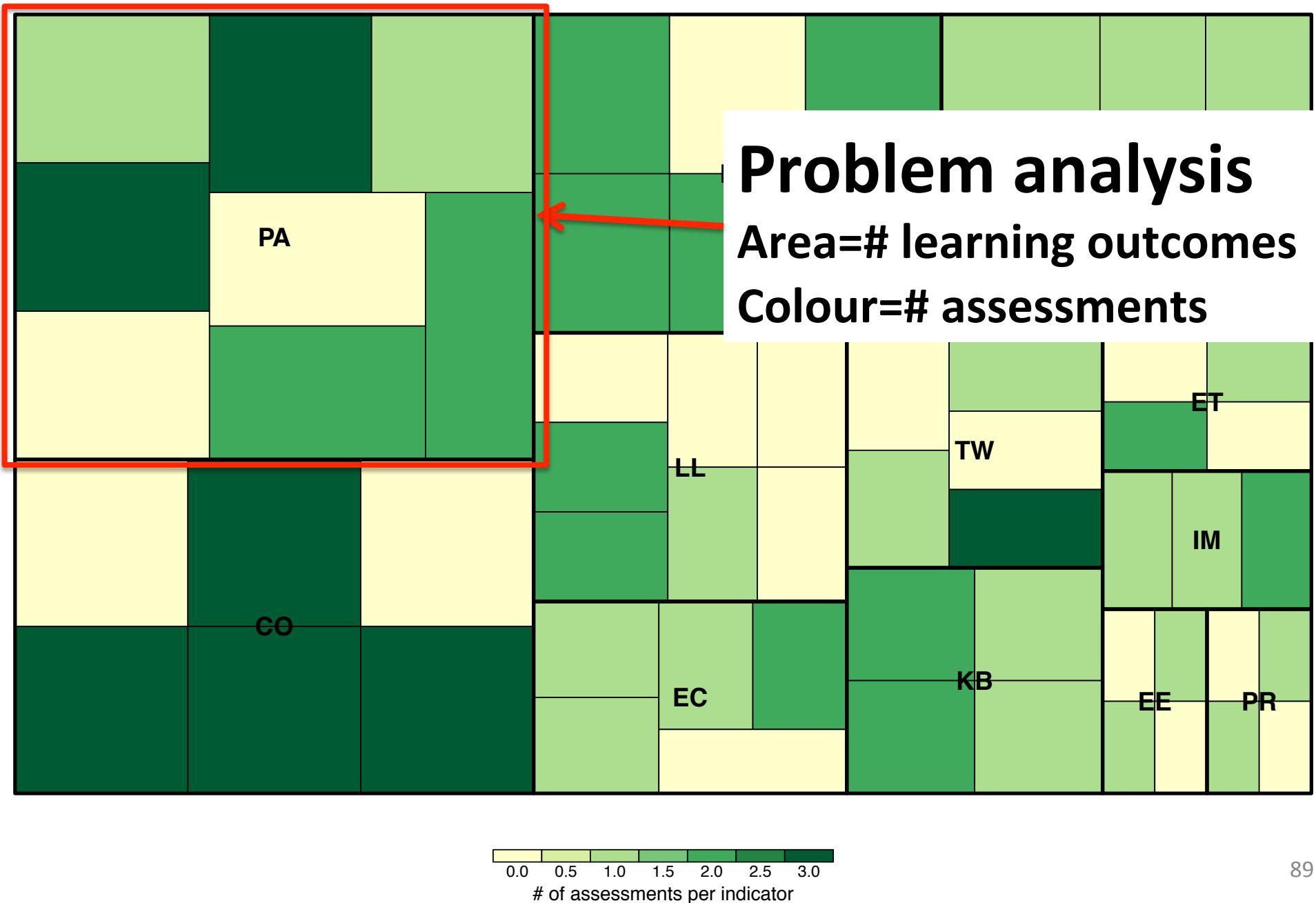
Visualizing the curriculum

First Year Curriculum Treemap, Area = # of assessments per attribute



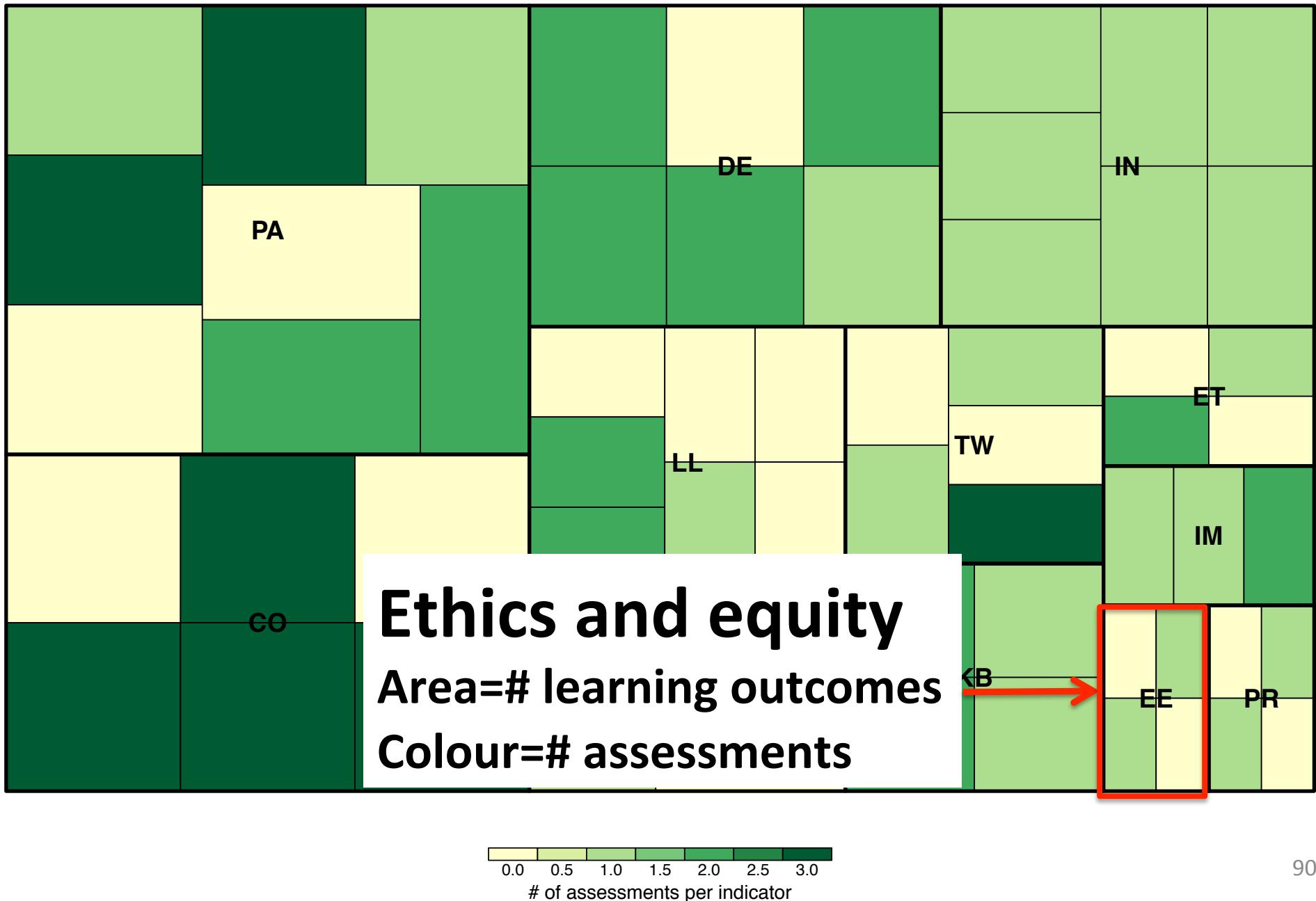
Visualizing the curriculum

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Your turn: As a program, create a plan for developing/enhancing curriculum map

If no current curriculum map:

Who needs to be involved in creating it?

Process for creating curriculum map – representatives from key areas in department?

If map exists:

Is there consensus among the department about the map?

Are there gaps in the map?

Where are indicators assessed?

ASSESSMENT PLANNING

Why not use grades to assess outcomes?

Student transcript

Electric Circuits I	78
Electromagnetics I	56
Signals and Systems I	82
Electronics I	71
Electrical Engineering Laboratory	86
Engineering Communications	76
Engineering Economics	88

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Electrical Design Capstone

86

Course grades usually aggregate assessment of multiple objectives, and are *indirect* evidence for *some* expectations

How well does the program prepare students to solve open-ended problems?

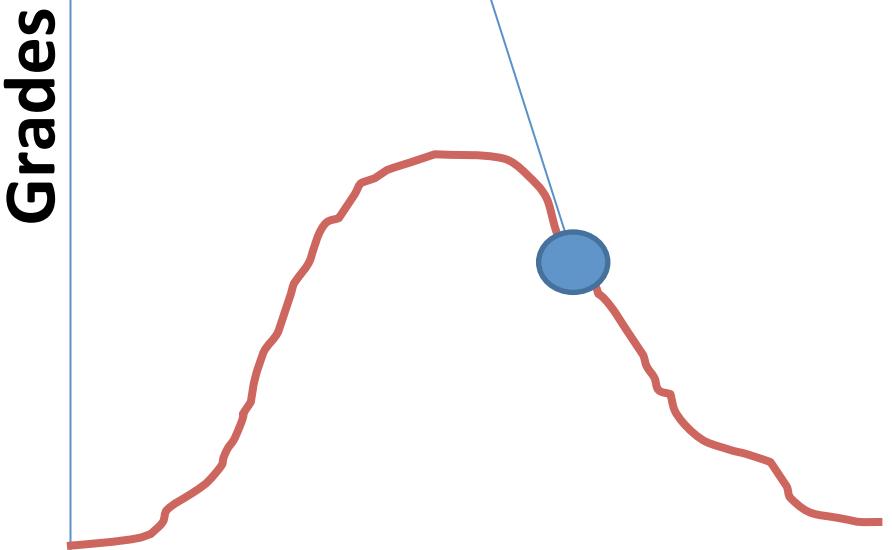
Are students prepared to continue learning independently after graduation?

Do students consider the social and environmental implications of their work?

What can students do with Knowledge? Can they communicate effectively?

Norm referenced evaluation

Student: You are here!
(67%)

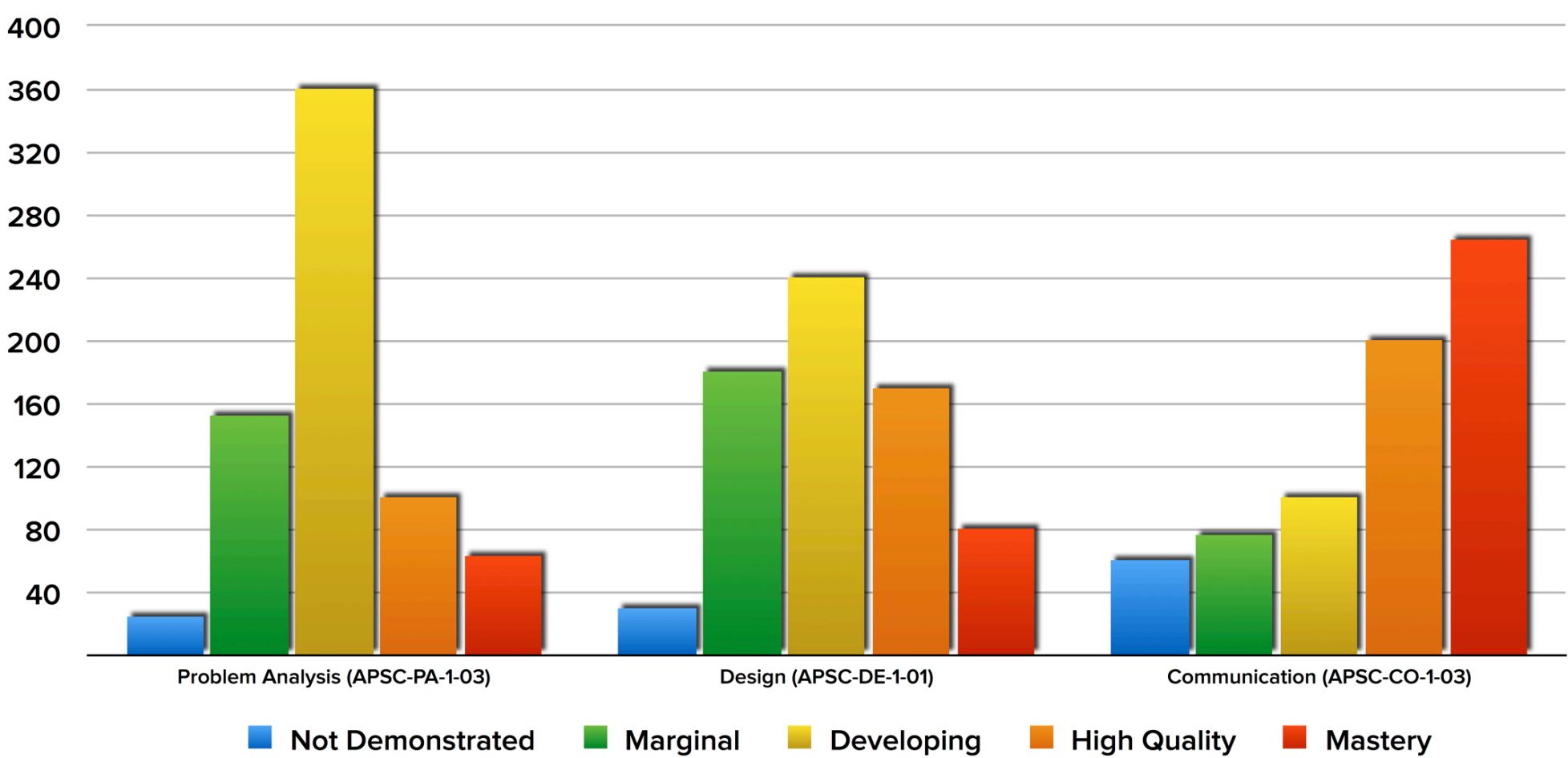


Used for large scale evaluation to compare students against each other

Criterion referenced evaluation

“Student has marginally met expectations because submitted work mentions social, environmental, and legal factors in design process but no clear evidence of that these factors impacted on decision making.”

Used to evaluate students against stated criteria. Useful for feedback to student and conversation within a program



	Not Demonstrated (0-3)	Marginal (4)	Developing (5)	High Quality (6)	Mastery (7-8)
Problem Analysis (APSC-PA-1-03)	Unsupported or trivial arguments	Arguments weak overall	Arguments include some but not all critical elements	Makes claims supported by data and backing, with appropriate qualifiers	Meets expectations and: Claims supported...
Design (APSC-DE-1-01)	No or inadequate process described	Process identified, misses critical factors.	Process is clear but missing some elements	Creates justified process for solving problem..	Meets expectations and: Comprehensive process...
Communication (APSC-CO-1-03)	Report difficult to understand	Understandable but not formatted...	Clearly formatted following guidelines ...	Concise and clearly formatted....	Meets expectations and: Varied transitions...

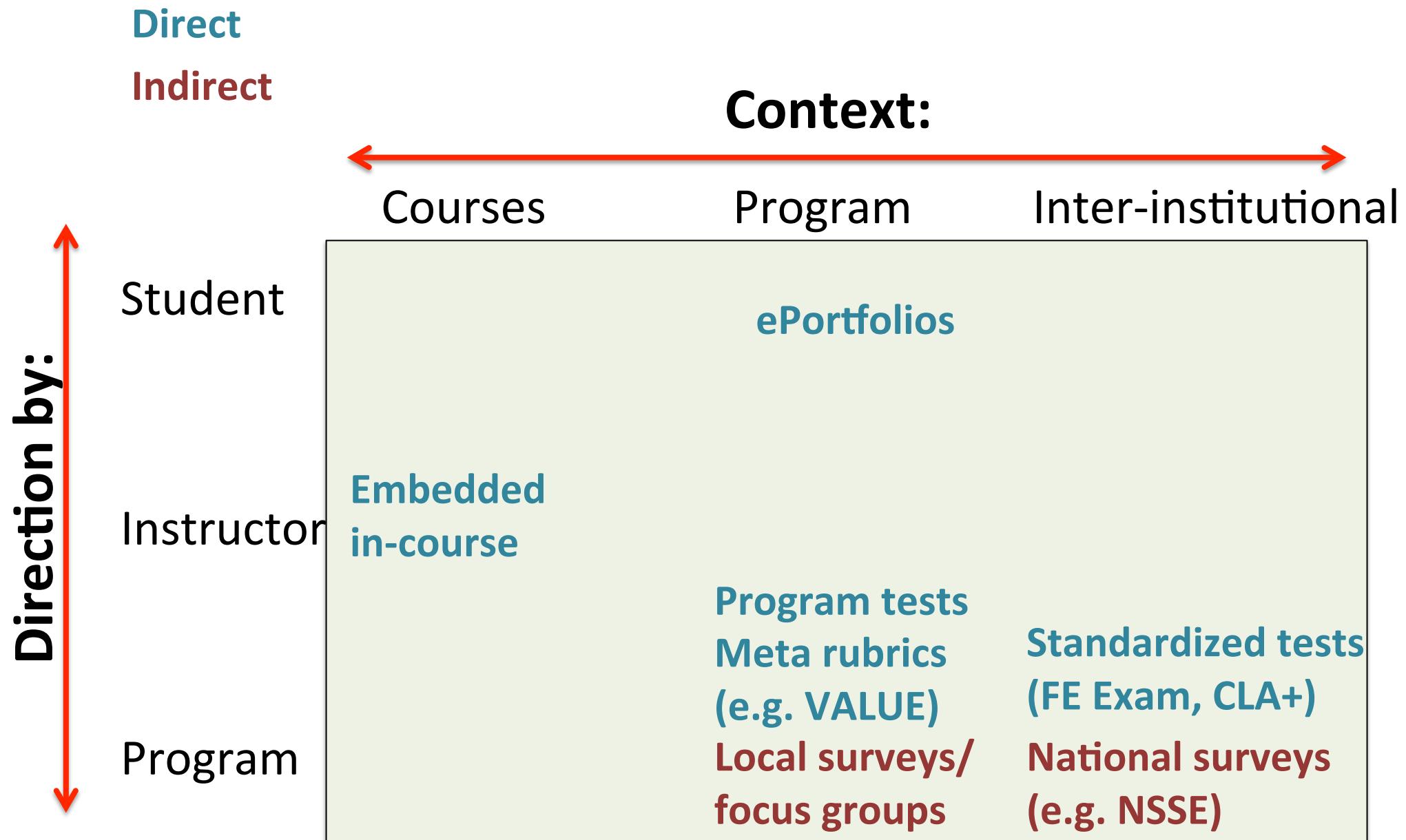
CEAB Reporting Requirement – Assessment tools

Instructions: Provide examples of the assessment tools (rubric or other) used to comparatively evaluate performance for any 12 indicators listed in Table 3.1.2. At least one indicator for each of the 12 attributes must be included. *Change column headings as required. Add or delete columns as required. Provide performance descriptors that exactly correspond to those used in assessment. A complete set of all assessment tools should be available to the visiting team at the time of the visit.*

Please delete the sample entries and highlighting to use this table. If a program uses a different number of levels of performance than what is in the example, columns may be added or deleted. The example shows four levels of achievement but this can be modified to suit the program.

Table 3.1.3: Examples of Assessment Tools					
Graduate Attribute	Performance level	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	Level descriptor	<i>Fails to meet expectations</i>	<i>Minimally meets expectations</i>	<i>Adequately meets expectations</i>	<i>Exceeds expectations</i>
Knowledge base	<i>Recalls and describes fundamental concepts in chemistry</i>	<i>Less than 50% on final examination</i>	<i>50% to 60% on final examination</i>	<i>60% to 80% on final examination</i>	<i>Greater than 80% on final examination</i>
Problem analysis	<i>Creates process for solving problem including approximations and assumptions</i>	<i>Process unacceptable and treatment of approximations and assumptions inadequate</i>	<i>Process acceptable but treatment of approximations and/or assumptions marginal</i>	<i>Process and treatment of approximations and assumptions acceptable</i>	<i>Process and/or treatment of approximations and assumptions exceptional</i>
Investigation	<i>Indicator:</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>
Design	<i>Indicator:</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>
Use of engineering tools	<i>Indicator:</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>	<i>Performance descriptor</i>

Programmatic assessment approaches



Process tool: Assessment plan

Attribute	Course level assessment	Program level assessment	
		Direct methods	Indirect methods
Problem analysis	Project 1 & 2	Standardized Instrument	Graduating student survey Faculty Survey
Design	Project 1 & 2	Standardized Instrument	Graduating student survey Faculty Survey
Communications	Project 1 & 2	Standardized Instrument Program-wide Rubric	NSEE Graduating student survey Faculty Survey
Lifelong learning	Project 1 & 2		NSEE Graduating student survey Faculty Survey

TASK: Data audit

DURATION: 20 MINUTES

In a team, select identify data that already exists, or is already being collected, that provide direct or indirect evidence of competence:

1. Surveys/focus groups
2. Research studies in engineering or broadly at university
3. Data already being collected in courses
4. Internship/exchange
5. Admissions data
6. Graduating student surveys, alumni surveys
7. Graduate completion rates
8. ...

Assessment Tools

How to measure learning against specific expectations?

Direct measures – directly observable or measurable assessments of student learning

- E.g. Student exams, reports, oral examinations, portfolios, concept inventories etc.

Indirect measures – opinion or self-reports of student learning or educational experiences

- E.g. grades, surveys, focus group data, graduation rates, reputation, etc.

What to look for in assessment tools

1. **Workload:** Results in a feasible workload for students and graders
2. **Generalizability:** Results are representative of entire program/class
3. **Content:** The assessment tool is clearly aligned with the outcome
4. **Reliability:** Results will be consistent between graders, or if tested again
5. **Actionable:** Provides useful information related to educational experience that can be used for course and/or program improvement

Selecting Assessments

- Looking for assessments that are:
 - **Valid:** they measure what they are supposed to measure
 - **Reliable:** the results are consistent; the measurements are the same when repeated with the same subjects under the same conditions
- Capitalize on what you are already doing
- Look for “leading Indicators”
- One approach for dealing with qualitative assessments (not the only!) is with **Rubrics**

Examples of assessment tools

Local written exam
(e.g. question on final)

Standardized written exam
(e.g. Force concept inventory)

Performance appraisal
(e.g. Lab skill assessment)

Simulation
(e.g. Emergency simulation)

Behavioural observation
(e.g. Team functioning)

Portfolios
(student maintained material)

External examiner
(e.g. Reviewer on design projects)

Oral exam
(e.g. Design projects presentation)

Oral interviews

Surveys and questionnaires

Focus group

Archival records
(registrar's data, records, ...)

TASK: Selecting assessment in a course

DURATION: 20 MINUTES

In a team, select assessment tools appropriate to the course learning outcomes, considering:

- 1. Workload:** Results in a feasible workload for students and graders
- 2. Generalizability:** Results are representative of entire program/class
- 3. Content:** The assessment tool is clearly aligned with the outcome
- 4. Reliability:** Results will be consistent between graders, or if tested again
- 5. Actionable:** Provides useful information related to educational experience that can be used for course and/or program improvement

Discussion

- Formative/summative assessment
- Linkage between outcomes and topics
- Workload
- Generalizability
- Content alignment
- Reliability
- Actionability

Example: First year design course

APSC 100 Course Outcomes

1. Apply a general process for solving complex problems. (**APSC-DE-1-01**)
2. Select and apply appropriate quantitative model and analysis to solve problems.
3. Effectively communicate following a prescribed format, using standard grammar and mechanics. (**APSC-CO-1-03**)
4. Apply concepts including occupational health and safety principles, economics, law, and equity to engineering problems. (**APSC-IM-1-03**)
5. Apply critical and creative thinking principles to solve contextualized problems. (**APSC-PA-1-03**)
6. Apply a numerical modelling tool to create a model used to solve complex problems

	Teaching	Activity	Assessment
Week 1	Motivation: course overview and structure	Critical Thinking Pre-test	Word/Excel assignment (CLO 3)
Week 2	Models: Mini MEA1 Goal: what is a model (drawing, text, equations describing behaviour), and using MATLAB script as part of a model	Intro to MATLAB: Starting MATLAB, variables, operations, plotting, scripts, and publishing a MATLAB script.	Mini MEA1 to be done by end of lecture (CLO 2,5,6)
Week 3	Argumentation: analyze past assignments for effective argumentation Goal: Create argument related to MEA1. Process for creating reports	Conditional statements	
Week 4	Complex problem solving: Complex problem solving process. Goal: Identify stakeholders and asking relevant questions for MEA1	Curve fitting and interpolation	MEA 1 Draft Submission (CLO 1,2,3,5,6)

First year design course project rubric

	Not Demonstrated	Marginal	Developing	Expectation	Outstanding
	0-3	4	5	6	7-8
Problem Definition	Problem not defined, little useful information, or information directly copied.	Some important information or biases not identified, or trivial/incorrect information included.	Problem definition is clear but missing some elements.	Clearly defines scope of problem, stakeholders, and required goals. Summarizes and assesses credibility of information used.	Meets expectations and: Includes information from authoritative sources to inform process, model, and conclusions.
Proposed Process (APSC-DE-1-01)	No or inadequate process described	Process identified misses critical factors; some assumptions left unidentified or unjustified.	Process is clear but missing some elements	Creates justified process for solving problem, including tests/investigation, supported by information.	Meets expectations and: Comprehensive process described with multiple possible approaches described and compared.
Model	No analysis, or model/analysis selected is inappropriate, or can't draw conclusions	Model used has significant errors or uses inappropriate assumptions.	Model has minor errors or unsupported approximations or assumptions	Creates and applies quantitative model using supported analysis, approximations and assumptions.	Meets expectations and: Sophisticated model used incorporating several effects; uncertainty in model's input variables shown by range of output values
Conclusions	No evaluation of solution.	Superficial evaluation of solution and superficial recommendations to prevent future failures	Most of the elements under "expectation" met, but not all	Evaluates validity of results and model for, drawing well-supported conclusions about causes of failure and supported recommendations for to prevent future failures.	Meets expectations and: Quantifies possible error/uncertainty in model conclusions and provides multiple thoughtful recommendations prevent future failures.
Argumentation (APSC-PA-1-03)	Unsupported or trivial arguments	Arguments weak overall	Arguments include some but not all critical elements	Makes claims supported by data and backing, with appropriate qualifiers	Meets expectations and: Claims supported by authoritative backing and comprehensive description of context in which they apply.
Communication (APSC-CO-1-03)	Report difficult to understand	Understandable but not formatted following guidelines; many grammatical errors	Clearly formatted following guidelines but obviously needs proofreading	Concise and clearly formatted following guidelines with few grammatical errors	Meets expectations and: Varied transitions, attractively formatted, no grammatical errors

Part 1: Group 1 – Design course assessment

Course: Introduction to Design and professionalism			
Course learning outcomes (CLOs): Students will be able to:			
Week	Key concepts	Student activity	Assessment
1	Motivation, course overview, models.	Lecture group activity: what is a model?	
2	Complex problem solving process	Accident investigation activity: Part 1	
3	Stakeholders and constraints	Accident investigation activity: Part 2	
4	Argumentation	Practicing oral presentations	
5	Teaming	Teaming and conflict resolution activities	
6	Idea generation	Brainstorming activity	
7	Decision making	Evaluation matrix activity	
8	Safety and hazard analysis	Hazard analysis	
9	Evaluating Information	Team evaluation of information sources	
10	Professionalism and ethics	Ethical dilemma	
11	Engineering Law	Case study: negligence	
12	Economics	Time value of money activity	
13	Design process	Applications of course to client projects	

COURSE MAPPING: FIRST YEAR DESIGN				FALL		WINTER				
Indicator Code	Indicator	Excel/Word	Report 1	Report 2 Interview of engineer	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Proposal presentation	Final presentation	Individual assessment
Indicator	Individual and teamwork									
APSC-TW-_01	Describes own temperament and analyzes impact of own temperament on									
APSC-TW-_02	Applies principles of conflict management to resolve team issues.								X	
APSC-TW-_03	Exercises initiative and participates equitably, including participating actively								X	
APSC-TW-_04	Establishes team contract around behaviour, expectations, and timelines.	X	X							
Indicator	Communications									
APSC-CO-_02	Summarizes and paraphrases written work accurately.				X	X				
APSC-CO-_03	Effectively communicates technical information following a prescribed	X	X	X	X	X	X			
APSC-CO-_04	Delivers clear and organized formal presentation following established							X	X	
APSC-CO-_06	Constructs effective figures, tables, and drawings employing standard	X				X	X			
Indicator	Professionalism									
APSC-PR-_01	Describes role of protection of the public and public interest in decision									
APSC-PR-_02	Demonstrates punctuality, responsibility and appropriate communication									X
APSC-PR-_03	Applies professional codes of ethics and engineering standards to			X						
Indicator	Impact of engineering									
APSC-IM-_03	Devises solutions for engineering problems that incorporate technical, social,							X		
Indicator	Ethics and equity									
APSC-EE-_01	Demonstrates behaviour congruent with academic integrity expectations of									
APSC-EE-_02	Recognizes and resolves ethical dilemmas based on ethical principles and			X						
APSC-EE-_03	Describes ethical issues and impact on stakeholders (individual, the	X	X							
APSC-EE-_04	Describes consequences of deviating from professional codes of conduct and									
Indicator	Economics									
APSC-EC-_01	Plans and efficiently manages time and money.							X		
APSC-EC-_02	Establishes appropriate project scope, after consultation with client, based									

Part 1: Group 2 – Chemical Engineering

Course: Chemical Reaction Engineering			
Course learning outcomes (CLOs): Students will be able to:			
Week	Key concepts	Student activity	Assessment
1-2	Reaction rates, stoichiometry	Partly worked examples	
3-5	Isothermal reactors, reversible reactions	Partly worked examples	
6-8	Nonisothermal reactor design	In-class guided design problem	
9-11	Multiple reactions, selectivity and yield	Practicing oral presentations	
12	Reaction networks and pathways		
13	Reactor design challenge	Working time for student teams	

Part 1: Group 3 – Electrical Engineering

Course: Electronics I			
Course learning outcomes (CLO): Students will be able to:			
Week	Key concepts	Student activity	Assessment
1	Motivation, connection to passive electric circuits	Electronics concept inventory pre-test	
2	Two terminal and three terminal active devices (diodes and transistors). Non-linear <u>vs</u> linear.	Team problem solving, followed by computer-based quiz question.	
3	Applications for two terminal devices	Team project planning: Identify requirements of project	
4	Applications and characteristics of amplifiers.	Team problem solving, followed by computer-based quiz question.	
6-7	Operation and behaviour of operational amplifiers. Applications.	Hand-in homework	
8-9	MOSFET amplifiers (CS, CG, CD)	Hand-in homework	
10-11	Bipolar amplifiers (CE, CC, CB)	Hand-in homework	
12	Nonlinear behaviour of transistors		
13	Design considerations, practical limitations of common devices.	Electronics concept inventory post-test	

Course learning outcomes (CLO): Students will be able to:

1. *Select and use a small signal model to predict behaviour of common nonlinear active devices
2. Calculate current and voltage at nodes of non-linear devices when connected using common bias networks using large signal model
3. *Calculate component values to implement common amplifier configurations
4. In a small team, select and design an appropriate amplifier topology for a real-world application

Pre-class: A pre-class reading or learning activity will be assigned before most lectures and studios. A short quiz will be held at the beginning of the tutorial each week on the pre-class readings.

Week	Lecture approach and content	Tutorial approach and content	Assessment (CLO, and % of course grade)
1: Sep 9	Motivation for the course, course overview, academic integrity expectations, group-based clicker problems.	Electronics concept inventory pre-test (same test to be given at end of course)	Electronics concept inventory pre-test targeting CLO 1,2,3 (worth 1% of course grade)
2: Sep 16	Two terminal and three terminal active devices (diodes and transistors). Non-linear vs linear devices, applications. Group and individual clicker questions.	Team problem solving, followed by computer-based quiz question.	In-tutorial computer-based quiz targeting CLO 1 (worth 4% of course grade)
3: Sep 23	Lecture: Applications and characteristics of amplifiers.	Team project planning: Identify requirements of project, power requirements, frequency range	
4: Sep 30	Lecture: ...	Team problem solving, followed by computer-based quiz question.	In-tutorial computer-based quiz targeting CLO 1 (worth 4% of course grade)
6: Oct 14	Lecture:	Midterm exam: 2 questions will target CLO1 (worth 20% of course grade)
...
12:	Final team project: targets CLO4 (worth 10% of course grade)
EXAM			Final exam: Two questions will target each CLO (worth 50% of course grade)

First year design course data

Outcome	Task-specific rubric descriptors				
	Not demonstrated	Marginal	Developing	High quality	Mastered
Problem definition: Accurately defines a problem, including significance, stakeholders, and client needs.	Problem not sufficiently defined ...	Problem definition somewhat unclear, trivial/incorrect information included...	Problem definition is generally clear but minor issues with ...	Clearly defines scope of problem, stakeholders, and required goals. Summarizes and assesses credibility of information used.	... and includes information from authoritative sources to inform process, model, and conclusions.
Economic analysis: Describes economic feasibility of project using time value of money and defensible financial costs and returns	No useful economic analysis	Discusses economic principles in a broad or general way without relating to the actual project	Describes economic feasibility ...but some unsupported or erroneous analysis	Describes economic feasibility of project using time value of money...	Describes a business plan considering value of money in decision making...
Ethical reasoning: Recognizes and resolves ethical dilemmas based on ethical principles and relevant code of ethics	Does not recognize an ethical dilemma, or ...	Identifies approach to resolving an ethical dilemma that is not supported, or misses important stakeholders	Recognizes and resolves ethical dilemmas with limited reference ...	Recognizes and resolves ethical dilemmas supported by ethical principles and relevant codes of ethics.	... and analyzes alternatives approaches to resolving a dilemma and how they will impact various stakeholders

