

UCI Assessment Grant Program—Spring 2009 Proposal Abstracts

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Our goal is to establish an assessment baseline for a new urban studies major. Overall, we propose (1) analysis of our existing syllabi; (2) review of assessment practices in allied disciplines; (3) baseline assessment for a sample of students drawn from the major's gateway course; and (4) a faculty retreat at the end of the major's first year of operation. More specifically, we propose the development of a web-based instrument (using an existing technology) that will assess students' abilities to identify, explain, and apply possible interventions for urban events or phenomena represented in the popular press and other media.