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Over the past several years, our committee has discussed reworking our University Studies templates to align with our desirable outcomes and to strengthen the demonstration of this alignment. This past fall, the Committee worked on redesigning the rubrics used to approve our strand courses. After rich conversation the templates for University Studies Strand applications are presented to the Faculty Senate for consideration and approval:

- We added Trac-Dat verbs. We hope that this will be useful for assessment and the accreditation process.
- We asked applicants to include example assignments, to help our committee decide if and how the specified goals are being met.
- We asked applicants to provide some justification, even on "addressed" goals. This will again help our committee make our decision.
- We reformatted the applications for consistency, to stream-line the application process.

University Studies Committee