Discourse 2018-2019

Courses in Discourse are designated as either Foundational or Advanced/Applied. During the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters, Virginia Tech offered 35 Pathways courses that included the Core Concept of Discourse. Of those, 8 courses were approved as Foundational and 27 courses were approved as Advanced/Applied.

	Foundational	Advanced/ Applied	Overall
Pathways Sections Offering Discourse	342	194	536
Pathways Sections Reporting Discourse Data ¹	185	97	282
	(54%)	(50%)	(53%)
Pathways Sections Included in Analyses ²	184	96	280
	(54%)	(49%)	(52%)
Enrollment in Sections Offering Discourse*	6,456	5,255	11,711
Enrollment in Sections Included in Analyses*	3,491	2,877	6,368
	(54%)	(55%)	(54%)

* Values include students who may be enrolled and/or assessed in multiple Pathways courses.

	Sections	Students	udents Percentage of Students		
	Included Included in in Analyses Analyses	Below Competent	Competent	Above Competent	
SLO 1: Discover and comprehend information from a variety of written, oral, and visual sources.	277	4,500	8% (<i>n=</i> 362)	34% (<i>n=</i> 1,518)	58% (<i>n</i> =2,620)
SLO 2: Analyze and evaluate the content and intent of information from diverse sources.	269	4,395	11% (<i>n=</i> 499)	34% (<i>n=</i> 1,485)	55% (<i>n</i> =2,411)
SLO 3: Develop effective content that is appropriate to a specific context, audience, and/or purpose.	267	4,306	8% (n=323)	34% (<i>n=</i> 1,464)	58% (<i>n=</i> 2,519)
SLO 4: Exchange ideas effectively with an audience.	276	4,528	9% (<i>n=</i> 385)	35% (<i>n=</i> 1,577)	57% (n=2,566)
SLO 5: Assess the product/ presentation, including feedback from readers or listeners.	259	4,203	8% (n=354)	32% (<i>n</i> =1,340)	60% (<i>n</i> =2,509)

Table 1: Competency Levels per SLO for Discourse

¹ Seven sections (2%) were missing data for one or more required SLOs (2 Foundational and 5 Advanced/Applied); 275 sections (98%) provided complete data (183 Foundational and 92 Advanced/Applied).

² Data from 261 sections (93%) were fully included (172 Foundational and 89 Advanced/Applied); 19 sections (7%) were partially included (12 Foundational and 7 Advanced/Applied); 2 sections (<1%) were excluded (1 Foundational and 1 Advanced/Applied).

	Foundational	Advanced/Applied
Pathways Sections Offered	342	194
Pathways Sections Reporting Data	185 (54%)	97 (50%)
Pathways Sections Included in Analyses*	183 (54%)	94 (48%)
Enrollment in Sections Offering Discourse 1**	6,456	5,255
Students Included in Analyses**	2,916 (45%)	1,584 (30%)

SLO 1: Discover and comprehend information from a variety of written, oral, and visual sources.

* Data from 5 sections were excluded (2 Foundational and 3 Advanced/Applied).

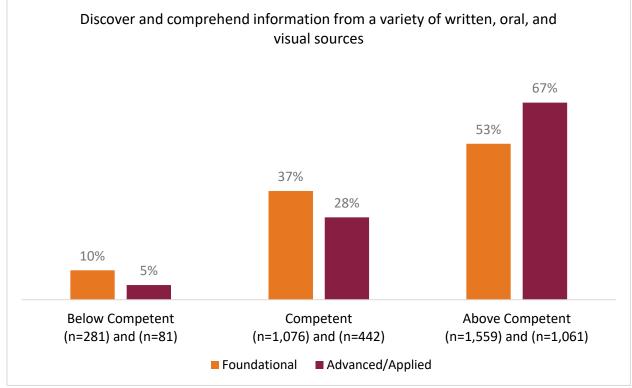


Figure 1. Foundational (n=2,916); Advanced/Applied (n=1,584)

	Foundational	Advanced/Applied
Pathways Sections Offered	342	194
Pathways Sections Reporting Data	185 (54%)	96 (49%)
Pathways Sections Included in Analyses*	175 (51%)	94 (48%)
Enrollment in Sections Offering Discourse 2**	6,456	5,255
Students Included in Analyses**	2,756 (43%)	1,639 (31%)

SLO 2: Analyze and evaluate the content and intent of information from diverse sources.

* Data from 12 sections were excluded (10 Foundational and 2 Advanced/Applied).

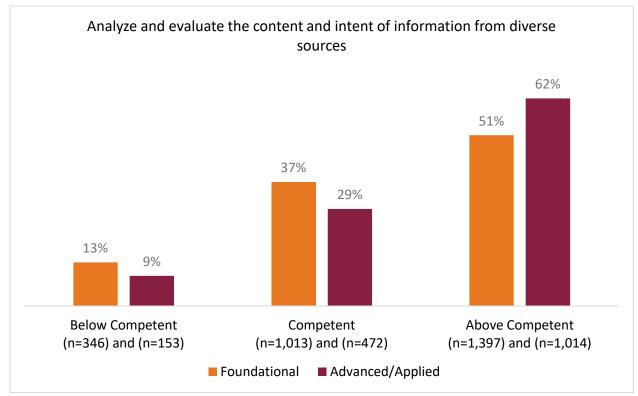


Figure 2. Foundational (n=2,756); Advanced/Applied (n=1,639)

	Foundational	Advanced/Applied
Pathways Sections Offered	342	194
Pathways Sections Reporting Data	185 (54%)	97 (50%)
Pathways Sections Included in Analyses*	174 (51%)	93 (48%)
Enrollment in Sections Offering Discourse 3**	6,456	5,255
Students Included in Analyses**	2,684 (42%)	1,622 (31%)

SLO 3: Develop effective content that is appropriate to a specific context, audience, and/or purpose.

* Data from 15 sections were excluded (11 Foundational and 4 Advanced/Applied).

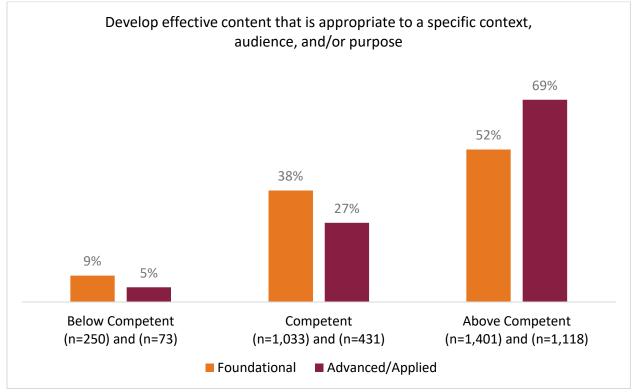


Figure 3. Foundational (n=2,684); Advanced/Applied (n=1,622)

	Foundational	Advanced/Applied
Pathways Sections Offered	342	194
Pathways Sections Reporting Data	185 (54%)	97 (50%)
Pathways Sections Included in Analyses*	183 (54%)	93 (48%)
Enrollment in Sections Offering Discourse 4**	6,456	5,255
Students Included in Analyses**	2,901 (45%)	1,627 (31%)

SLO 4: Exchange ideas effectively with an audience.

* Data from 6 sections were excluded (2 Foundational and 4 Advanced/Applied).

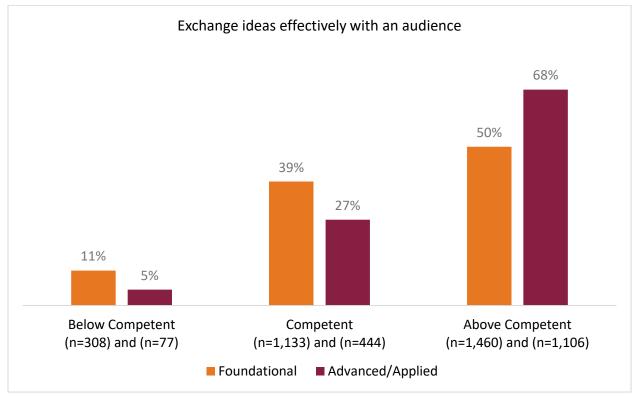


Figure 4. Foundational (n=2,901); Advanced/Applied (n=1,627)

	Foundational	Advanced/Applied
Pathways Sections Offered	342	194
Pathways Sections Reporting Data	183 (54%)	93 (48%)
Pathways Sections Included in Analyses*	170 (50%)	89 (46%)
Enrollment in Sections Offering Discourse 5**	6,456	5,255
Students Included in Analyses**	2,604 (40%)	1,599 (30%)

SLO 5: Assess the product/presentation, including feedback from readers or listeners.

* Data from 17 sections were excluded (13 Foundational and 4 Advanced/Applied).

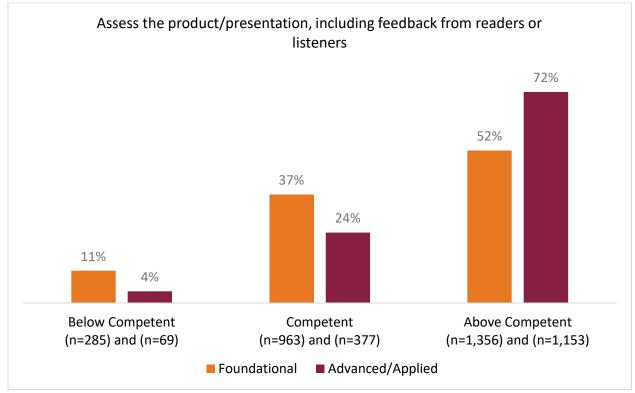


Figure 5. Foundational (n=2,604); Advanced/Applied (n=1,599)