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Hispanic Serving

Institution Checklist

Defining the SERVING in Hispanic Serving Institution



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Principle 1

Hispanic-Serving designation is reflected in the institutional identity, mission, and priorities, as well as in the goals of campus divisions, departments, and units.

Can the words “Hispanic Serving” or “HSI” be found in your department:

- Yes No Mission?
- Yes No Vision?
- Yes No Values?
- Yes No Website?
- Yes No Strategic plan?

Do the following at your institution mirror the student population?

- Yes No Higher-level administration?
- Yes No Faculty Senate?
- Yes No Board of Trustees?
- Yes No Honors College students?
- Yes No Student Government Association?

UCF is now a Hispanic Serving Institution with over 17,500 (26%) Latino students.

This checklist is being provided by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion as a conversation guiding tool.

The questions asked are not an exhaustive list of topics to consider. Use these design principles and questions to think about what it means to SERVE Latino students in your area.

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Principle 2

Latino/a student success is a shared value among institutional leadership, faculty, and staff.

- Yes No Have you reached out to your institution's Latino Faculty and Staff Association to request resources that highlight best practices in Latino student success?
- Yes No Have you been able to secure institutional funds for a Latino based project?
- Yes No Do you attend events on campus hosted by Latino based organizations?
- Yes No Has your department contributed financially to Hispanic Heritage Month?
- Yes No Is your institution present at Latino festivals in the Central Florida community?
- Yes No Does your institution market to the Latino community via Spanish language radio or television?
- Yes No Have you reached out to local Latino nonprofits in the community to partner on a project/initiative?
- Yes No Do you intentionally recruit Latino students to serve as teaching/student assistants?
- Yes No Does your department intentionally recruit Latino faculty in an effort to attract Latino students to your academic program?
- Yes No Do you advocate for the inclusion/consideration of Latino students at meetings/forums?

Principle 3

Examining equity in educational outcomes for Latino/a students is central to institutional assessment processes and practices.

- Yes No Are performance benchmarks set for Latino students?
- Yes No Are equity metrics for Latino students routinely reported?
- Yes No Does your department disaggregate student outcome data by race/ethnicity?
- Yes No Do you know what the high-risk prerequisite courses are for Latino students?
- Yes No Do you know what upper-level courses in your department have the highest rates of D/F/W for Latino students?
- Yes No Are Latino students completing the minimum number of credits required for on-time graduation?
- Yes No Have you utilized data reports by Excelencia in Education to frame a discussion on Latino student success in your department?
- Yes No Have you utilized data reports by the Pew Hispanic Center to frame a discussion on Latino student success in your department?
- Yes No Does your department conduct focus groups with Latino students to learn about their experiences in your academic program?
- Yes No Does your department consult with outside equity minded data experts to assist with data interpretation?

Principle 4

Promoting Latino/a student success and ensuring equity in outcomes requires ongoing reflection and action by institutional leadership and individual practitioners.

- Yes No Do you or anyone in your department attend the Association of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators Annual Conference?
- Yes No Do you or anyone in your department attend the Hispanic Association of College and Universities Annual Conference?
- Yes No Do you or anyone in your department attend Excelencia in Education's Accelerating Latino Student Success Institute?
- Yes No Do you or anyone in your department attend American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Annual Conference?
- Yes No Do you subscribe to LatinoinHigherEd.com?
- Yes No Do you subscribe to the Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine?
- Yes No Have you participated in a webinar focused on Latino student success?
- Yes No Have you requested a departmental training focused on Latino student success?
- Yes No Have you advocated for a colleague's Latino focused research agenda?
- Yes No Do you offer to write at least one (1) letter of recommendation for a Latino student every semester?

Principle 5

Engaging Latino/a students with culturally sustaining practices is central to promoting and supporting Latino/a student success.

- Yes No Does your department coordinate outreach to Latino families or include Latino families in programming efforts?
- Yes No Does your department provide information (verbally/written) in the Spanish language?
- Yes No Have you demonstrated an interest in learning the Spanish language?
- Yes No Do you attempt to pronounce Spanish names in the most accurate way possible?
- Yes No Do you promote Latino-based programs/organizations to students?
- Yes No Do you include readings by Latino authors in your syllabus?
- Yes No Do you quote Latino professionals when lecturing?
- Yes No Do you incorporate Latino guest speakers as part of your curriculum?
- Yes No Does your department offer a study abroad program in Latin America?
- Yes No Do you provide Latino students with the opportunity to share their experiences/assets in the classroom?