Risk Assessment Guide

Objectives

What are the objectives of this program?

Activities

What activities are you planning to meet these objectives?

Risk mapping - taking a wide angle view (ideas on back of this sheet)

Regarding these activities, what keeps you up at night?

Zero in on your top 3 – 5 risks.

What is the **probability** of these risks occurring?

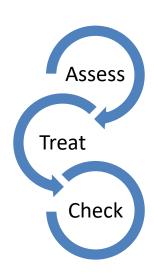
What is the **impact** on your objectives if this risk occurred?

Where would these risks fall on the chart below?

Green = Go but consider controls and transfer

Yellow = Proceed with caution (controls, resources, transfer)

Red = **Stop** and refer





Risk control and transfer

What are you doing to prevent these risks or reduce or reduce their impact?
(Risk transfer = insurance, contracts + control = program design, safety, security, emergency management)

Evaluation of controls and transfer

Are these actions effective? If not, what else should we be doing?

University resources (see next / back of page for ideas) – find your "subject matter experts"

Who else do you need to work or consult with to prevent this risk or reduce its impact to an acceptable level? (Typical university resources available to you include: Risk, Legal/Counsel, Safety, Sponsored Programs, Contracts & Purchasing, Faculty, Facilities, Student Affairs, International Programs Office, Disability Services, ?)

Compliance issues

- Are these risks subject to laws / regulations / compliance?
- What do you do to foster compliance (i.e., controls, monitoring)?
- Is there a process to identify and correct compliance issues?

Loss analysis for program improvement

- Have there been any recent risk occurrences, control breakdowns, or "near misses"?
- Is there a process in place to review and correct "near misses"?

Risk decision

Do you choose to move forward with this risk? How have your changed your activities?

Risk group	Examples:	
Strategic risks are	Reputation	Strategic plans
those that involve	Ethics	Contractual relationships
planning for the	Changing demands of students	Intellectual property
university's stability,	Academic programs	Strategic plans
future growth and	Competition for students, faculty and staff	Branding and licensing
advancement.	Growth – rapid or slowing	
	Infrastructure capacity and capital planning	
	Centralized or decentralized management	
Operational risks are	Integrating functional processes	Up to date procedures
those that result in the	Systems implementations	Facilities, construction and space
institution's	Changing technology	management
dependency on	Regulatory compliance	Purchasing and procurement
system, policies, and	Information technology	Human subjects protection
procedures.	Contract process	Animal care and protection
	Accounting functions	Sponsored programs administration
	Emergency management	
	Security management	
	Environmental health and safety (Safety)	
	HAZARD Risks – typically insured in the	
	traditional insurance market:	
		Workers Compensation
	Property	Crime
	Auto	Professional liability
	Liability	Foreign liability
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Financial risks are	Tuition and fees	Endowment management
most often the	F&A rate	General fund investments
purview of the	Conflicts of interest	Cash flow
university's	Interest rate volatility	Funding sources
comptroller, budgeting		Internet and e-business
and financial planning		
processes.		
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