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California State University, Stanislaus has completed 2.5 years of university-wide formal program assessment. This talk will focus on the development of the assessment structure created by the mathematics department and how it fits into the university's plan. In particular I will discuss the successes and challenges faced by the mathematics department as it created a plan which formalized and extended the casual procedures already in place. I will discuss the assessment tools we have used, how our program has changed, and the next steps, including researching the necessity of a calculus readiness screening exam and how such readiness relates to our student learning objectives. (Received September 16, 2008)