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Curriculum Health Check: Spot Gaps, Strengthen Programs, and Stay Competitive

In today's fast-moving landscape, a "set it and forget it" approach to program design simply doesn't cut it. To stay competitive, your curriculum must do more than educate—it must engage, equip, and evolve alongside industry shifts, learner expectations, and emerging technologies.

This quick self-assessment empowers you to identify blind spots before they become roadblocks. In just a few minutes, you'll evaluate your course or program across four high-impact areas: Curriculum Currency, Student & Faculty Feedback, Industry Alignment, and Pedagogical & Technological Relevance.

If you're serious about delivering high-quality, future-proof learning experiences, this quiz is your first step toward a sharper, more strategic curriculum refresh.

How Future-Ready Is Your Academic Program?

Use this self-check to evaluate whether a course or program may be falling behind. If you answer "Yes" to **3 or more** of the questions below, it's time to consider an update.

CURRICULUM CURRENCY

☐ Has this course content remained largely unchanged for **2 years or more**?

☐ Are **industry tools, applications, or terminology** used in the course now outdated or no longer in practice?

☐ Are the **readings or case studies** older than 2 years without recent additions?

STUDENT & FACULTY FEEDBACK

☐ Have **students expressed confusion, disengagement, or boredom** with course content?

☐ Have faculty voiced **challenges in teaching content** due to changes in the field?

☐ Have **student evaluations or course satisfaction scores** declined in the past 2 years?

INDUSTRY ALIGNMENT

☐ Has there been a **significant shift in industry expectations, tools, or job roles** related to this subject?

☐ Are graduates **struggling to find jobs** related to this course's learning outcomes?

☐ Have **employer partners or internship hosts** given feedback that students seem unprepared?

PEDAGOGICAL & TECHNOLOGICAL RELEVANCE

☐ Is this course missing **AI, data analytics, or digital literacy components** relevant to the field?

☐ Are the **assessment formats** (e.g., exams, projects) still aligned with current professional practices?

☐ Is the **course delivery mode** (e.g., in-person only, static lectures) misaligned with student learning preferences or accessibility expectations?

Calculate Your Score

0–2 "Yes" answers:
Your course is likely in good shape. Stay vigilant and review annually. Consider a Program Audit to ensure you're using your polished content in as many programs as possible to ensure efficiencies.

3–5 "Yes" answers:
Moderate risk. Begin planning a targeted refresh soon.

6+ "Yes" answers:
High risk. Your course may be outdated—prioritize a comprehensive review and refresh.

If your quiz results point to moderate or high risk, don't worry—you're not alone. Every program benefits from periodic tuning, and often, small adjustments can yield big improvements in engagement, alignment, and outcomes.

Consider this quiz a starting point. Whether you're planning a minor content refresh or a full curriculum redesign, Noodle's Learning Design experts are here to help. We partner with universities to modernize content, integrate emerging tech, and ensure every course reflects the demands of today's learners and tomorrow's workforce.

Let's make your curriculum a strategic asset—relevant, rigorous, and ready for what's next.