

**Annual Outcomes Assessment Report  
for the Department of Atmospheric Sciences' MS Program**

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1. The Department of Atmospheric Sciences' MS program's student learning outcome has been assessed by graduated students since 2001.
2. We intend to continue collecting data of exit interviews and Student Learning Outcome Assessment (SLOA) for the MS program.
3. Outcomes data and exit interviews were collected in 2010/2011 for the three students who graduated in AY10 and the SLOA files were updated accordingly. We added a written assessment to the SLOA per request of the program review.
4. A frequently mentioned difficulty is funding. However, with 99% of our program budget (including a 0.5 TA position) bound in salaries there is no possibility to fund students out of the departmental budget.
5. One student won an award to participate in the NCL tutorial at the National Conference Center for Atmospheric Research. Two students presented posters at the AGU professional meeting.
6. Students want to have more opportunities to gain teaching experience. Unfortunately, we have only one 0.5 TA position which means that only one student per year will have a chance to get such experience. We will try to work with other departments for opportunities.
7. Like for the previous years SLOA the filled out 2010 "MS SLOA" is stored in the department's administrative office.
8. Budget implications: We need one further tenure track faculty, and some support for graduate student stipends.

Attachments: MS SLOA; PhD SLOA  
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