

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Summary

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1. Assessment information collected

We developed a survey that was distributed to committee members of graduate students who finished their degrees within the last 5 years. We asked about quality of the research and students' abilities to analyze and synthesize data and communicate orally and in writing.

2. Conclusions drawn from the information summarized above

A large proportion of the students were rated good to excellent in most categories with none rated poor. There were enough fair ratings to be of some concern, especially for written and oral communication.

3. Curricular changes resulting from conclusions drawn above

We recently assigned a new instructor to NRM 601: Research Methods in Natural Resources Management who has revised the course to include more emphasis on communication skills. We believe this will help students improve their communication skills.

4. Identify the faculty members involved in reaching the conclusions drawn above and agreeing upon the curricular changes resulting

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