Graduate Program Assessment Report  
Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics  
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Program Learning Outcomes

1. Conduct substantive independent research
2. Demonstrate mastery of subject content knowledge and research/critical inquiry methodology
3. Demonstrate effective written communication of substantive content
4. Demonstrate effective oral communication of substantive content
5. Be able to conduct scholarly or professional activities in an ethical manner

Student Performance: Data Sources

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Response Threshold

75 percent of admitted graduate students will successfully pass the Master’s level coursework in the DAEE.

90 percent of students who take the Master's Core examination will successfully pass the examination after a maximum of two attempts.

90 percent of students who attempt the thesis defense will successfully pass their thesis defense on their first attempt.

Schedule of Assessment

Assessment reports for Masters programs will be submitted in September of even-numbered years.
Graduate Students taking DAEE Graduate Courses 2013-2014

100% of 1st year graduate students (7 of 7) passed their 1st year classes.

Students taking Master's Core examination 2013-2014

During 2013, 4 out of 7 graduate students passed the Master’s Core examination on the first attempt. 3 out of 7 passed on the second attempt.

During 2014, 5 out of 6 graduate students passed the Master’s Core examination on the first attempt. 1 out of 6 passed on the second attempt.

Students defending Master’s Theses 2013-2014

During 2013, 100 percent of graduate students (7 out of 7) passed the Master’s Theses Defense on the first attempt.

During 2014, 100 percent of graduate students (6 out of 6) passed the Master’s Theses Defense on the first attempt.

Assessment Statement

The program learning outcomes in the DAEE graduate program are being met. No changes in the program are necessary at this time.