

4<sup>th</sup> Learning Objective/Intended Outcome: Students will be capable of analyzing a problem, identifying the critical aspects, and devise appropriate methods to resolve the questions that arise

Assessment Plan	Implementation	Assessment Criteria	Outcomes Data	Decisions
Student demonstrates knowledge of key principles, methodologies, and subject areas within discipline.	All graduate coursework is graded.	>3.0 cumulative GPA on 4.0 scale	100% of graduates met assessment criteria.	No change required
Student persuasively demonstrates significance and originality research/dissertation project.	Oral and written (PhD) or written only (MS) prospectus presentation presenting research topic.	Advisor is surveyed after thesis/dissertation prospectus defense. Committee approves/disapproves prospectus.	All students successfully completed their prospectus defense (written and/or oral).	No change required
Student writes a thesis/dissertation that demonstrates mastery of the field. Thesis demonstrates the identification of and solution to research problems.	Students provide written and oral presentations of their research findings during defense.	Advisor is surveyed after thesis/dissertation final defense. Committee approves/disapproves defense.	All students successfully completed their prospectus defense (written and/or oral).	No change required