Ph.D. Degree Learning Outcomes

Goal 1: Graduates will demonstrate a detailed knowledge of their areas of specialization.

- Complete a research paper as part of student’s coursework requirements.
- Complete questions on theoretical topics from comprehensive exam.
- Publish a manuscript in peer-reviewed journal.
- Present a paper at academic conference.

Goal 2: Graduates will master the analytical/methodological skills needed to evaluate and conduct research in their areas of specialization.

- Complete analytical/methodological questions from students’ comprehensive exams that fully cover the topic being addressed.
- Publish a manuscript in peer-reviewed journal.
- Present a paper at academic conference.

Goal 3: Graduates will demonstrate their ability to design and conduct original research in their chosen fields of specialization.

- Present a completed paper in research seminar to faculty.
- Publish a manuscript in peer-reviewed journal.
- Present a paper at academic conference.

Goal 4: Graduates will be able to teach college-level courses in their areas of specialization.

- Complete instruction of assigned college course or classes within course.
- Assess student teaching evaluations for each course taught by a Ph.D. student.

Goal 5: Graduates will be able to communicate the results of their research in a clear and effective manner.

- Evaluate written and oral presentations from student’s coursework.
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- Evaluate written presentations given in comprehensive exams.
- Evaluate oral presentations given in comprehensive exams.