

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 or national conference proceedings.
- ◆ Present a paper at national conference.
- ◆ Present a successful final defense of a dissertation.

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.
- ◆ Publish a manuscript in peer-reviewed journal or national conference proceedings.
- ◆ Present a paper at national conference.
- ◆ Present a successful final defense of a dissertation.

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 or national conference proceedings.
- ◆ Present a paper at national conference.
- ◆ Prepare a successful final defense of a dissertation.

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

- ◆ Complete instruction of assigned college course or class.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Evaluate oral presentation in research seminar.
- ◆ Evaluate oral and written presentations given in comprehensive exams.