

Program Assessment Plan
 American University
 Academic Program: CAS: Economics - MA

Academic Program: CAS: Economics - MA

Contact Person for Mary Hansen

Assessment:

Unit's Primary Department: Economics

Learning Outcome: Solve & Explain Models

Graduates of the MA Program will be able to solve economic models mathematically and provide intuitive explanations of the results.

Outcome Year: 2010-2011
 2011-2012

Start Date: 09/13/2010

Outcome Status: Active Learning Outcome

Assessment Plan			
Assessment Measure	Target	Schedule/Cycle	Active
Comp Exam Graders' Report. Measure Type: Quiz/ Exam	Under development.	Prior to March 1 each year, the Graduate Studies Committee will convene a meeting of Comp Graders to obtain their reports on strengths and weakness of MA candidates based upon the written responses in the examinations. The Committee will include notes from the meeting in the MA Assessment Report presented to the Chair and the Council each March.	Yes
Survey of MA students. Measure Type: Survey	75% of students feel confident in their ability.	Each spring, GSC will conduct the survey. Reports will be reported to the Council prior to March assessment meeting.	Yes
Focus Group Measure Type: Focus Group		Prior to march 1 each year, the Graduate Studies Committee will convene a focus group of students. The Committee will summarize the proceeding of the focus group in the MA Assessment Report presented to the Chair and the Council each March.	No

Related Courses

- ECON-523 - Econometrics I
- ECON-524 - Econometrics II

Related Action Steps

* Supporting Assessment: Revise & test rubric

Description: Revise draft of comp rubric to assess learning outcome 1. Test on next round of comps. Develop targets for assessment using rubric.

* Supporting Assessment: Write survey

Description: In order to increase number of observations and representativeness of results, write an MA assessment survey and administer for spring 2012 assessment cycle.

Learning Outcome: Answer Research Questions

Graduates of the MA Program will be able to employ and interpret econometric models to answer a research question.

Outcome Year: 2010-2011

2011-2012

Start Date: 09/13/2010

Outcome Status: Active Learning Outcome

Assessment Plan			
Assessment Measure	Target	Schedule/Cycle	Active
Econometrics Instructors' Report. Measure Type: Written Assignment	Under development.	Prior to March 1 each year, the Graduate Studies Committee will convene a meeting of instructors of ECON-523 and ECON-524 to obtain their reports on strengths and weakness of MA candidates based upon completed written assignments and examinations. The Committee will include notes from the meeting in the MA Assessment Report presented to the Chair and the Council each March.	Yes
Survey of MA students. Measure Type: Survey	75% of students feel confident in their ability.	Each spring, GSC will conduct the survey. Reports will be reported to the Council prior to March assessment meeting.	Yes
Focus Group Measure Type: Focus Group	Under development.	Prior to march 1 each year, the Graduate Studies Committee will convene a focus group of students. The Committee will summarize the proceeding of the focus group in the MA Assessment Report presented to the Chair and the Council each March.	No

Related Courses

- ECON-523 - Econometrics I
- ECON-524 - Econometrics II