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Economics (Ph.D.)

Department Website: <http://www.american.edu/cas/economics/PHD-ECON.cfm>

1. Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the PhD Program will be able to:

1. demonstrate mastery of one branch of economic theory: micro, macro, or heterodox analysis;
2. demonstrate mastery of an applied field of knowledge within the discipline of economics; and
3. formulate and answer empirically an original question in a field of economics.

2. Assessment Plan for 2010 Cycle

Measures	Target	Learning Objectives	Cycle and Reviewers
Comp and Prelim Exam Graders' Report	See action items approved by Council April 2010	1	Prior to March 1 each year [amended April 2010], the Graduate Studies Committee will convene a meeting of Comp Graders to obtain their reports on strengths and weakness of PhD candidates based upon the written responses in the examinations. The Committee will include notes from the meeting in the Assessment Report presented to the Chair and the Council each March.
Dissertation Chairs' Report	See action items approved by Council April 2010	2-3	Prior to March 1 each year, the Graduate Studies Committee will convene a meeting of dissertation chairs to obtain their reports on strengths and weakness of PhD candidates. The Committee will include notes from the meeting in the Assessment Report presented to the Chair and the Council each March.
Focus Group	See action items approved by Council April 2010	1-3	Prior to March 1 each year, the Graduate Studies Committee will convene a focus group of students [amended April 2010]. The Committee will summarize the proceedings of the focus group in the Ph.D. Assessment Report presented to the Chair and the Council each March.