Expected Outcomes: Knowledge of Poultry Science or Food Science

All POUL and FDSC students will be able to demonstrate baseline knowledge in the field of Poultry Science or Food Science.

Assessment methods

Method: Faculty Evaluation

The department’s graduate committee reviewed and evaluated the coursework requirements for Food Science and Poultry Science degrees.

Findings:

Discrepancies in coursework requirements among Poultry Science students and Food Science students exist, indicating that base knowledge level may not be uniform among all students. There is no stated requirement that a POUL or FDSC course is required for degree completion.

How did you use findings for improvement?

The graduate committee will survey all FDSC and POUL courses and make recommendation on minimal coursework required for all students and identify appropriate POUL or FDSC course(s) to be required of all students.

Additional comments:

The merger of FDSC into the POUL Department is still new (2010). This assessment is part of larger departmental effort to “harmonize” POUL and FDSC graduate programs, particularly the base learning outcome for all students within the degree category.