Expected Outcomes: Articulate, develop, and apply knowledge

Graduates are able to articulate, develop, and apply advanced knowledge of entomology and related sciences in creative and innovative ways.

Assessment methods

**Method:** Preliminary and dissertation defenses

Students will successfully complete their oral examinations (up to two attempts) and complete their dissertation. The oral exam rates students on their subject matter knowledge while the final exam focuses on their ability to conduct, present, and defend original research.

**Findings:**

In 2010-2011, all students passed their final oral examinations and thesis defenses and were rated as good to excellent by their dissertation committee members. All students gained employment in their areas of expertise. Many won speaking awards at national meetings.

**How did you use findings for improvement?**

We are please our students are gaining employment in a timely manner. We are constantly evaluating our class offerings to determine areas to enhance student learning with the changing urban and rural entomology environments. Multimedia equipments as replaced in the teaching labs this year.

**Additional comments:**

Several students commented on their exit interview that they appreciated the dedication of our faculty, our helpfulness in making sure they graduated, and how much they have been provided (computers, opportunities to go to meetings, etc.) by their advisors and the department.