Expected Outcomes: Familiarity with research methods

Students will be familiar with research methods used in the communication discipline

Assessment methods

Method: Qualifying exams

All students in the program just pass exam question over research methods in order to continue the degree program.

Findings:

All but one student passed the research portion of qualifying exams.

How did you use findings for improvement?

The department will continue to require research method questions on qualifying exams. Faculty who have taught the qualitative class over the past three years will meet with the GPO to assess the research methods currently being taught to determine if any changes to the course should be made.

Additional comments:

None

Expected Outcomes: theory

Upon completions of the program, students will understand the breadth of theories that explain how human beings communicate and the processes involved.

Assessment methods

Method: qualifying exams

All MA students must pass questions over the breadth of theories before they can continue the degree program.

Findings:

All but one student passed this portion of the qualifying exam.

How did you use findings for improvement?

The department will continue to require theory questions on qualifying exams. Faculty who have taught the theory class over the past three years will meet with the GPO to assess the theories currently being taught to determine if any changes to the course should be made.

Additional comments:

None

Expected Outcomes: Major Project
Students must successfully complete either a thesis or an internship.

**Assessment methods**

**Method**: Thesis or internship

Students must complete and successfully defend a thesis or complete a thesis and successfully pass a comprehensive exam. Internship reports and exam results will be used as well as the successful completion and defense of theses.

**Findings:**

All thesis were successfully defended. Internship reports and on site supervisors indicate that students were prepared for the internship experience.

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

The program will continue to require the major project.

**Additional comments:**

Intern director will expand the supervisor report in an effort to get a better assessment of student preparedness.