

1. Name of the Academic Program

Department of Agricultural Education, Communications, and 4-H Youth Development

2. Degree programs that are assessed under this plan

M. Ag, M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural Education

3. Mission, objectives or goals of the degree program(s)

Graduate programs in Agricultural Education lead to a Master of Agriculture in Agricultural Education, a Master of Science in Agricultural Education, or a Doctor of Philosophy in Agricultural Education. Although the specifics of the degree programs differ the assessment plan is intended to apply to all students in the graduate program.

Mission: The graduate program in Agricultural Education is designed to prepare students for entry into formal and non-formal teaching careers. They also provide development of professional leadership skills for careers in agribusiness, government service, extension, or adult education. .

Program Goals and Objectives:

- (1) Prepare students for a variety of careers associated with agriculture and education.
- (2) Prepare students to conduct original research pertaining to teaching and learning (Ph.D.)

4. Define the expected student outcomes for the degree program(s)

- (1) Secure appropriate employment after leaving the program.
- (2) Display satisfaction with their graduate program 3-5 years after they have left the program.
- (3) Demonstrate an understanding of the body of theoretical and philosophical knowledge associated with agricultural education.
- (4) Students will be able to express thought with reasonable clarity, correctness, and precision.
- (5) Student will be able to analyze and synthesize agricultural education research.

5. Identify the methods that are used to evaluate student achievement of these educational outcomes

(1) Graduation Rates:

(2) OSU Alumni Survey:

(3) OSU Student Satisfaction Survey:

(4) Student Research, Publication, and Awards: A list of graduate student publications, conference presentations, and awards and scholarships won for scholarly work will be compiled and reported.

(5) Internship: A full-time, 12-week internship is required of those seeking the Masters of Agriculture Internship Option. Chair of student's committee conducts an on-site evaluation. Internship supervisor completes evaluation of intern at the completion of the internship.

(6) Proposal Seminar: Candidates present the research proposal in seminar format. Seminars are open to the public.

(7) Dissertation/Thesis and Oral Defense: Candidates for all graduate degrees are required to write, submit and defend a dissertation, thesis, creative component, formal report or portfolio. Degree candidates are evaluated on the written component as well as the oral defense.

(8) Comprehensive Final Examination: All Ph.D. candidates are required to take and pass a comprehensive examination covering history and philosophy of agricultural education, research, agricultural education, and the candidate's area of specialization. The candidate's committee administers the written exams as well as an oral assessment

6. Identify how assessment results will be integrated into curriculum planning and program improvement.

The Graduate Coordinator, with assistance from the Department Assessment Committee, will collect and analyze the data and measure specified outcomes. A final report will be prepared and submitted by the Department Head to the Agricultural Education Graduate Faculty, who will have the responsibility to initiate changes in the graduate program. The final report will be submitted to the Office of University Assessment.