Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives, with Any Associations and Related Measures, Targets, Findings, and Action Plans

SLO 1: Demonstrate general knowledge
Students will demonstrate knowledge of the history, theory, legal framework and professional practice of urban and regional planning.

Related Measures

M 1: Assessments in core courses
Final examinations, assignments and papers in core courses
Source of Evidence: Academic direct measure of learning - other
Target:
90% of students will receive 80% or higher on final assignments in the six core courses.

M 9: Evaluation of professional project requirements
Evaluation of professional project requirements in 3 core courses
Source of Evidence: Project, either individual or group

SLO 2: Acquire practical planning experience
Students will acquire practical planning experience

Related Measures

M 2: DELETE-Client oriented projects
Evaluation of work produced in courses with client oriented projects
Source of Evidence: Project, either individual or group
Target:
100% of students will have completed at least one client based project. Each project will be evaluated by the course instructor and client or planning practitioner using a checklist of expected outcomes. Each project and individual student work on the project will receive an 80% or higher score when evaluated by the course instructor.

SLO 3: Demonstrate in depth knowledge
Students will demonstrate advanced knowledge in at least one planning sub-area or concentration

Related Measures

M 3: Assessment in specialization course
Final examinations, assignments and papers in an approved specialization course
Source of Evidence: Academic direct measure of learning - other
Target:
100% of students will complete 3 courses in an approved specialization. 90% of students will receive 80% or higher on the final assignment in an approved specialization course.

M 4: Evaluation of thesis work
Evaluation of thesis work in area of concentration by 3 person committee for thesis track students
Source of Evidence: Academic direct measure of learning - other
Target:
The MURP program requires a thesis or practicum as a capstone. All thesis students must complete an independent research project on a specialized planning topic. Theses are reviewed by an examination committee of at least three members according to a rubric or checklist of expected outcomes. One of the committee members must be a practicing professional approved by the Department of Planning and Urban Studies (PLUS), the College of Liberal Arts, and the UNO Graduate School. 100% of thesis students must successfully defend their thesis.

SLO 4: Demonstrate research and analytical skills
Students will demonstrate research and analytical skills relevant to planning practice

Related Measures

M 5: Assessment in analytic methods and statistics courses
Skill attainment in analytical methods and statistics courses
Source of Evidence: Academic direct measure of learning - other
Target:
95% of students will pass the analytic methods (MURP 6020) and statistics (URBN 6005) final exam or project, earning a 75% or higher, 90% will receive higher than 80%.

SLO 5: Demonstrate professional skills
Students will demonstrate the professional skills required in the practice of planning including skills in the area of written, graphic and communication, plan creation and implementation, planning process methods, and leadership.

Related Measures
M 6: DElETE--Evaluation of practicum project work
Students will acquire in depth knowledge in at least one area of concentration
Source of Evidence: Capstone course assignments measuring mastery

M 7: Evaluation of practicum project work
Individual evaluation of practicum project work
Source of Evidence: Academic direct measure of learning - other

Target:
The MURP program requires a thesis or practicum as a capstone. All practicum students are required to complete a client project on a specialized planning topic. Practicum students take an individual examination to demonstrate their contribution to and independent understanding of the client project and associated report. Individual examinations are reviewed by an examination committee of at least three members using a rubric or checklist of expected outcomes. One of the committee members must be a practicing professional approved by the UNO Graduate School. 90% of students completing the practicum as their capstone requirement will receive 80% or higher on their individual examination.

M 8: Evaluation of internships
Evaluation of students in planning internships (evaluated by the supervisors)
Source of Evidence: Academic direct measure of learning - other

Target:
MURP 6800 Planning Internship provides MURP students the opportunity to practice and expand upon the professional planning skills they have developed in the program while gaining exposure to the wider planning environment. Internship supervisors assess student performance. 90% of students who participate in a planning internship will receive a satisfactory evaluation (a score of 1 or 2 on 6 criteria) from their internship supervisor.

M 9: Evaluation of professional project requirements
Evaluation of professional project requirements in 3 core courses
Source of Evidence: Project, either individual or group

Target:
To better assess student professional skills and readiness for practice, we have included professional project requirements for all MURP students (thesis and non-thesis) in three required courses: Social Policy, Analytic Methods for Planners, and Urbanism and Urban Design. Students are expected to complete professional quality work and must earn 80% or higher on each of these professional project assignments. 100% of students will earn, or retake until they earn, an 80% or higher on the professional project requirements in each course.