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

SLO 1: Demonstrate general planning knowledge
Students will demonstrate a 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.

SLO 2: Demonstrate research and analytic skills
Students will demonstrate research and analytical skills relevant to planning practice.

Related Measures

M 3: 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

M 4: 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 and statistics final exam or project, earning a 75% or higher, 90% will receive higher than 80%

SLO 3: Demonstrate professional planning 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 2: 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

M 5: Individual assessment of practicum project work
Individual assessment of practicum project work
Source of Evidence: Capstone course assignments measuring mastery
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 6: Evaluation of internship performance
Evaluation of student performance in planning internships (evaluated by the external 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 positive evaluation (a score of 1 or 2 on 6 criteria) from their internship supervisor.

M 7: Assessment of written, oral and graphic communication skills
We will assess the written, oral and graphic communication skills of MURP students through professional project requirements, individual assessments of practicum project work and evaluations of thesis work Professional project requirements: 80% of MURP students will "fully meet" or "meet" core competencies in writing, oral and graphic
communication skills in the professional project requirements for MURP 6020; MURP 6030 and MURP 6710. Individual assessment of practicum project work: 80% of MURP students will "fully meet" or "meet" core competencies in writing, oral and graphic communication skills individual assessments of their practicum project work. Evaluation of thesis work: 80% of MURP students will "fully meet" or "meet" core competencies in writing, oral and graphic communication skills in evaluations of their thesis work.

Source of Evidence: Presentation, either individual or group