**Student Learning Assessment Program**

## Response to Summary Form

**Graduate Program 2019**

Department: Geology/Geography

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| **Category** | **Level[[1]](#footnote-1)\*** | Comments |
| Learning Objectives | Level 2, PSM, Geographic Information Science | Objectives are discipline-specific and relate to program goals. The CGS goals of depth of content knowledge, research, and critical thinking (embedded in spatial analysis) are addressed, but the communication goal is not explicitly stated here. I suspect you will be assessing speaking and writing since you intend to assess the final project report and presentation, so just identify the writing and speaking skills you seek to have as learning outcomes and include here. |
| **How, Where, and When Assessed** | Level 2, PSM, Geographic Information Science | You have multiple measures that include direct and indirect sources. How often do you plan to conduct the alumni survey? Given your numbers you may want to do a 3 or 4 year cycle. Your measures are heavy on summative assessment, so if you uncover any issues, you may find it useful to consider some formative assessment to uncover low performance earlier than the second year of the program. |
| **Expectations** | Level 2, PSM, Geographic Information Science | You have some good details here related to your content expectations and student performance. As you finish developing your rubrics, you will want to establish at what levels students are meeting, exceeding, or not meeting your expectations, and then, what you plan to do if you have students not performing up to your standards. But, what you have here is where you want your students to be for your objectives, so it is a very good start. |
| **Results** | Level 2, PSM, Geographic Information Science | Results were collected for the measures outlined. You mentioned your alumni survey; I think you meant that it was conducted in FA18, not FA19, since you have results to share. Congratulations on the response rate and positive feedback! |
| **How Results Will be Used** | Level 2, PSM, Geographic Information Science | I know this is a small program, so I’m assuming that Drs. Kronenfeld and Viertel are all the faculty? If so, then results are shared and used by the faculty. |

1. \* Levels should not be interpreted as grades or scores; they are stages of implementation based on patterns of characteristics described by North Central Association. These levels are approximations based on the information provided in the summaries. Please refer to the checklist for the Primary Traits listed for each level on the assessment web site at [www.eiu.edu/~assess](http://www.eiu.edu/~assess). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)