Program Student Learning Outcomes

College: Arts and Science
Program: Botany and Microbiology, PhD

1. Students will demonstrate overall knowledge of their field and mastery of their specific subfield of Plant Biology.
   - Students will satisfactorily complete courses for their program of study.
   - Students will demonstrate sufficient knowledge of their subject in their general examinations.
   - Students will complete research and produce a dissertation that meets the expectations of their committee.

2. Students will identify and conduct original research appropriate for their degree.
   1. Students will identify an appropriate research question(s) and conduct research to test appropriate hypotheses developed from their question(s).
   2. Student will successfully defend their research to their committee.

3. Students will effectively communicate the results of their research in an appropriate venue or in a format appropriate for their field of study.
   - Students will write and defend a proposal appropriate for their field of study.
   - Student will present a poster or oral presentation to professional audiences at OU.
   - Student will present a poster or oral presentation to professional audiences at a venue outside of OU.
   - As deemed appropriate by their advisor and committee, student will publish the results of their research in an accepted professional journal or other forum for their field.

4. Students will carry out their research according to accepted standards of ethics and professional behavior.
   a) Students will complete ethics and professional conduct training as required by OU.
   b) Student will design and conduct research in a professionally responsible manner.
   c) Student will prepare their thesis/dissertation in a professional, ethical manner.