



OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT
The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

Program Assessment Report

2022 - 2023

CAS - Native American Studies (MA)

General Information

Mission

The Department of Native American Studies is committed to using distinctly Native American perspectives to place the sovereignty of Native nations and the cultures of Native peoples at the center of academic study. The Department's curriculum currently supports intensive study in three interrelated areas of emphasis that are synthetic and interdisciplinary in nature: Tribal Governance and Policy; Indigenous Media and Arts; and Language, History, and Cultural Knowledges.

College

Arts & Sciences

Department/School/Division

Native American Studies

Assessment Liaison

Farina King

Knowledge of Discipline

Student Learning Outcome (SLO)

Upon completion of the degree program, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of Critical Indigenous Theory and Indigenous Methodologies.

Outcome Status

Active

Direct - Course Embedded Assessment

Assessment Method Description

Students will satisfactorily complete course embedded assessments and receive a grade of B or better in NAS 5033 and NAS 5063.

Performance Target

Graduating NAS Master's students will complete NAS 5033 and NAS 5063 with a grade of B or better and satisfactorily complete all course embedded assessments.

Assessment Results and Use of Results

Reporting Period

2022 - 2023

Assessment Results Entry Date

09/26/2023

Assessment Results

All graduating NAS Master's students satisfactorily completed course embedded assessments and received a grade of B or better in NAS 5033 and NAS 5063.

Results Status

Target Met

Number of Students Assessed

3

USE OF ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Assessment Process/Procedures

We will start to look at not only the graduating Native American Studies MA students but students who took the respective courses of NAS 5033 and NAS 5063 overall as well to trace the impact and effectiveness of the assessments and curriculum for the graduate program.

Critical Thinking Skills

Student Learning Outcome (SLO)

Students will be able to conduct independent inquiry in one of the three areas of emphasis: Cultural Knowledge, Language, & History; Tribal Governance & Policy; or Indigenous Media & Arts.

Outcome Status

Active

Direct - Examination

Assessment Method Description

Students who choose the non-thesis option will complete a written comprehensive examination judged satisfactory for the degree requirements by the student's Examining Committee.

Performance Target

Graduating Master's students who choose the the non-thesis option will complete a written comprehensive examination judged satisfactory for the degree requirements by the student's Examining Committee.

Assessment Results and Use of Results

Reporting Period

2022 - 2023

Assessment Results Entry Date

09/26/2023

Assessment Results

All graduating Master's students who chose the the non-thesis option completed a written comprehensive examination judged satisfactory for the degree requirements by the student's Examining Committee.

Results Status

Target Met

Number of Students Assessed

1

USE OF ASSESSMENT RESULTS**Overall Program Effectiveness**

We did not have many graduate students in the NAS MA program since the COVID-19 pandemic, so we are starting to rebuild having more students and support recruitment and retention.

Research Skills 1**Student Learning Outcome (SLO)**

Students will be able to conduct original research in topics relevant to Native peoples.

Outcome Status

Active

Direct - Dissertation/Thesis**Assessment Method Description**

Students who choose the thesis option will produce a Master's thesis that is judged satisfactory by the student's Thesis Committee.

Performance Target

Graduating Master's students who choose the thesis option will produce a Master's thesis judged satisfactory by the student's Thesis Committee.

Assessment Results and Use of Results**Reporting Period**

2022 - 2023

Assessment Results Entry Date

09/26/2023

Assessment Results

Graduating NAS Master's students who chose the thesis option produced a Master's thesis judged satisfactory for the degree requirements by the student's thesis committee.

Results Status

Target Met

Number of Students Assessed

1

USE OF ASSESSMENT RESULTS**Overall Program Effectiveness**

We hope to encourage students to stay on the same track for a thesis development instead of switching later to the non-thesis track, helping them to progress with their research and steps along the way. We also plan to support more graduate student recruitment and retention, and we will hold more orientation and workshop meetings along with providing resources to assist graduate students through their program and studies.