

Assessment Table Template

Program: Geography, PhD Cycle: 2013-2014				
Outcome/Objective	Measure	Target	Finding	Action Plan
Time to Degree: Time to degree is an important aspect of graduate training.	Time to Degree: Tracking student's progress toward a degree.	Average time to degree will be five years or less.	Status: Not Met: During the self study and external program review held in 2014, we noted that average time to degree for our PhD Biochemistry students has increased over the last 10 years to approximately 6.5 years.	This is a new measure instituted during a self-study in preparation for an external academic program review. Between 1987 and 2000, our average time to PhD was approximately 5.5 years. Between 2001 and 2006, average time to PhD increased to approximately 6.5 years and has remained at this value. To address the issue of time to degree, the faculty has already agreed to rigorously enforce existing rules regarding graduate schedule deadlines including annual advisory committee meetings and preliminary exams. The Graduate Program Committee and the Associate Head for Graduate Programs will also work with students who have exceeded the target time to degree.