

ASSESSMENT REPORT 2016-2017

Human Performance and Sport Graduate
(Instructional Degree Program)

M.A.
(Degree Level)

Program Mission:

The mission of the Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences is to improve the quality of life related to the many aspects of human movement. We concentrate on a full spectrum of human potential, from young to old, fit to unfit, recreational to highly athletic, healthy to diseased, and able-bodied to disabled. Our programs are related to the study of exercise physiology, health, teaching, athletic injuries, recreation, sports administration, and coaching.

Student Learning Outcome 1:

Demonstrate a mastery of content knowledge in their appropriate discipline.

NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 1

- Mastery of Content Knowledge and Skills

First Means of Assessment for Outcome 1:

A majority of graduating students receive a GPA of 3.5 or above in the HPS graduate coursework. While GPA is not our typical “means” for assessing our program outcomes, we use GPA in this instance as a benchmark for our own internal assessments of students’ overall exit performance from our program.

Summary of Data:

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:	11	Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	0
Total Number of Students Assessed:	11	Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	100%

Interpretation of Results for Outcome 1: One-hundred percent of the students met the criterion. No further action required.

Student Learning Outcome 2:

Demonstrate the ability to use technology to enhance professional productivity.

NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 2

- Effective Use of Technology

First Means of Assessment for Outcome 2:

1) HPS students: a majority of students receive a 24/30 on the final papers in two of the Blackboard internet course electives. 2) HPS/Sport Administration students: a majority of students receive a 24/30 on the final project in HPS 561 and HPS 509. 3) HPS with an emphasis in Teacher Education students: a majority of students receive a 24/30 on the final project in HPS 604.

Summary of Data

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:	13	Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	1
Total Number of Students Assessed:	14	Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	93%

Interpretation of Results for Outcome 2: No further action is required as only one student out of 20 did not meet the criterion.

Student Learning Outcome 3:

Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication skills.

NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 3

- Effective Communication Skills

First Means of Assessment for Outcome 3:

1) HPS students: a majority of students receive a 32/40 on the research proposal in HPS 620. 2) HPS/Sport Administration students: a majority of students receive a 24/30 on the final project in HPS 561 and HPS 509. 3) HPS with an emphasis in Teacher Education students: a majority of students receive a 32/40 on the research proposal in HPS 620.

Summary of Data

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:	13	Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	5
Total Number of Students Assessed:	18	Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	72%

Interpretation of Results for Outcome 3: Seventy-two percent of students met passing criteria. The department will institute use of the University ARMAS program, including the Writing Center, Donnelly Library services and Net Tutor to improve this outcome.

Student Learning Outcome 4:

Demonstrate critical and reflective practices.

NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 4

- Critical and Reflective Thinking

First Means of Assessment for Outcome 4:

1) Thesis and Field Project Students: A majority of students will receive an average of 2 or better on their oral presentation for their field project/thesis. 2) Comprehensive Exam Students: The passing rate on comprehensive written examinations is 67% or above.

Summary of Data

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:	2	Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	0
Total Number of Students Assessed:	2	Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	100%

Interpretation of Results for Outcome 4: No further action is required as only one student out of 20 did not meet the criterion.

Utilization of Results: Conduct further review to identify courses where students are not meeting criteria in SLO 3.

Changes to Program Based on Results: Improvements will be made if necessary in course delivery to support improvements in student outcomes.

Retention Strategies: To support student academic convenience and learning environment satisfaction, a classroom has been equipped for within department online course delivery and the computer lab has been updated with new computers with updated software. The department will institute use of the University ARMAS program, including the Writing Center, Donnelly Library services and Net Tutor to improve student outcome 3.