

AST Plan for Measuring the Achievement of Degree and Program Objectives

The Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree in Agricultural Systems Technology is designed to develop the needed background knowledge of basic agricultural concepts and technologies for managing agricultural operations and businesses. Coursework covers topics in the following fields: agricultural business & economics, agricultural mechanization, animal, dairy and veterinary sciences, plant and soil science, and natural resources. All students complete a senior project and while not required, many complete an Occupational Internship. Most students completing the program requirements also earn a minor area of study and some complete requirements for double majors.

Measurement of Other Student Outcomes

We assess our program in a number of ways:

- Individual class assessments
- Internship assessments
- Surveys of past graduates
- Surveys of employers

Faculty members should continue to develop measurement methods for determining the satisfaction of employers, placement success, and student satisfaction of the program post-graduates.

Exit Interviews

All graduates in AST will complete an exit interview in connection with their application of graduation. This is an opportunity for the student to express concerns and indicate strengths of the program from the perspective of a program completer.

- The department head provides open-ended questions to elicit the student's thoughts regarding the program.
- University-wide questions are gathered by the USU assessment program.
- Program faculty meet at the conclusion of each academic year to discuss needed curricular changes.