Student Learning Outcomes
Degree Program: Doctoral Program in Public and Urban Policy

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Program Assessment:
The doctoral program is designed for students who are dedicated to improving the welfare of people and communities around the globe through careers in teaching, research, policy analysis, and advocacy. The program prepares students to critically assess, design, and implement policies that improve standards of living, reduce harmful inequalities, advance meaningful political participation, and generate sustainable physical environments. The program is committed to providing students with a strong doctoral level theoretical and institutional understanding of contemporary public policy problems together with the technical tools and skills to help solve them.

With respect to these objectives, the most obvious metrics for the assessment of the doctoral program include the following:

1. Trends in number and quality of applications:
2. Trends in admissions yields:
3. Recent attrition rates
4. Qualifying exam results
5. Trend in graduation rates
6. Employment outcomes