

Biology Department

Assessment Plan

2005

The goal of the assessment plan of the Biology Department is to provide faculty with on-going and meaningful information to help improve learning outcomes. The following assessment procedures are used:

1. Senior Exit Survey

- Students in the Senior Seminar class complete the Senior Exit Survey every semester.

2. Alumni Survey

- Alumni of the Biology Department are surveyed every five year.

3. Senior Comprehensive Exam

- Seniors take the Comprehensive Exam when they sign up for the Senior Seminar

4. Senior Project Presentation Evaluation

- Students and faculty in attendance at the presentation of senior projects evaluate the quality of presentation using a common rubric every semester

5. Senior Project Document Evaluation

- Faculty evaluate every senior project document using a common rubric. Periodically, an outside consultant evaluates a random sample of senior projects

6. Focus Groups and SWOT Interviews

- Periodic focus groups and SWOT interviews a conducted to assess program strengths and weaknesses