

**Department of Entomology  
Kansas State University**

**A. College, Department, and Date**

College: Agriculture  
Department: Entomology  
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**B. Contact Person for the Assessment Plans**

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**C. Degree Program**

Minor in Entomology

**D. Assessment Plans for the Student Learning Outcomes that will be addressed in the Next Three Years**

**1. Student Learning Outcomes**

**Each student is required to demonstrate:**

- a. A general knowledge of fundamental insect biology.
- b. An understanding of the impact (beneficial and harmful) that insects have on humans and the environment.
- c. The ability to recognize insects from non-insects, and to recognize the major groups of arthropods.

**2. How will the learning outcomes be assessed?**

SLOs will be assessed in courses taken by the student.

**3. When will these outcomes be assessed? When will the results of the assessments be discussed?**

Outcomes will be assessed each semester in which courses are taken. ool).

**4. What is the unit's plan for improving students' learning?**

Our plan for improving student learning will be fourfold. First, we will evaluate our standards of excellence relative to each student learning outcome (SLO) and assessment tool to ensure that adequate standards have been set. Second, we will do a short-term evaluation of student performance relative to these standards. Third, as data accumulate over

time, we will determine which, if any, of our SLOs are declining, and/or consistently not meeting our standards of excellence. Fourth, any SLO identified as needing improvement will be reevaluated to improve the method(s) by which that SLO is being achieved. We will also continue to evaluate the assessment tools we are using and make changes as needed.