

Master of Sustainable Development Practice Program

Student Learning Outcomes - Assessment Rubric

	Student Learning Outcome	Method of Assessment
Knowledge Outcome	Students will demonstrate a thorough understanding of complex interdisciplinary dimensions of sustainable development, and the capacity to communicate in a clear manner the challenges associated with this endeavor.	<p>MDP students complete a non-thesis project report demonstrating knowledge of sustainable development related to their particular focus and field practicum.</p> <p>MDP students give a formal oral public presentation and attend a private defense of their report. The final report and presentation are evaluated and approved by a committee composed of a committee chair and at least one other committee member (at least one of whom must be core faculty of MDP) who complete and sign the learning objectives assessment form as part of the defense.</p>
Skills Outcome	Students will demonstrate competence in the tasks related to the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development initiatives, and the planning and utilization of participatory methodologies.	<p>MDP students complete a field practicum proposal and receive approval of it from their committee chair prior to summer field work/research.</p> <p>MDP students complete a field practicum of 10-12 weeks to carry out their approved practicum project, utilizing appropriate methodologies.</p> <p>MDP students present their research and participate in a poster session, sponsored by the MDP Program, and/or CAS/LAS, as well as completing a non-thesis project report.</p>

Professional Behavior Outcome	<p>Students will be able to interact with professional peers, partners and participants in development initiatives with honesty, ethical behavior, cultural sensitivity, teamwork, and effective communication.</p>	<p>MDP students participate and display professional behavior, and teamwork skills in class activities, program-related workshops, seminars and development practitioner events, based on observation by their supervisory committee members.</p> <p>MDP students effectively communicate their report and field practicum research and findings in a formal and professional event open to UF faculty, staff, and students, evaluated by their supervisory committee members.</p> <p>MDP students complete their field practicum working successfully alongside local partners during their field practicum, in accordance with the terms of reference defined by the host institution/organization.</p>
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