

BIOLOGY
 Assessment of Program Learning Outcomes
 2013-2014 Academic Year

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Program Learning Outcome Measured	Assessment Method	Summary of Results	Use of results to improve in one or more of these areas			
			(1) instruction	(2) curriculum	(3) technology	(4) assessment
Students will explain the causes and consequences of biological evolution, with a specific emphasis on understanding why this is a central unifying concept in biology.	Multiple choice exam	The weighted average among sampled sections was 72.7% Our goal was 75%	Some sections will trial changing the order that the topics are covered. In the past, some instructors have covered evidence of evolution (the pattern) before covering natural selection (the process). Some of these instructors will reverse the order and cover natural selection first, just as Charles Darwin did in the <i>Origin of Species</i> . We think this change may make both			

			evolution and natural selection easier to understand.			