# PHD in Chemical Engineering - PHD-DPCM

# Mission

The Ph.D. degree is designed to prepare chemical engineers to advance research, development, and education for addressing national and global challenges towards a highly sustainable industrial-based focus on petroleum, petrochemical and allied industries.

Academic year 2024-2025

PHD in Chemical Engineering - PHD-DPCM Learning Outcomes

Student Learning Outcome #1

Students will demonstrate an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.

MEASURES	RESULTS	ACTIONS
Dissertation: Performance Indicator (B) for Learning Outcome #1	Analysis	Maintain Assessment Strategy Need to collect more data
<ul> <li>(B) Formulate the complex engineering problem by applying proper engineering, science, and mathematical principles.</li> <li>Excellent (4): Formulate the complex problem mathematically by application of engineering and science theories and principles without mistakes.</li> <li>Good (3): Formulate the problems mathematically by application of engineering and science theories and principles with minor mistakes.</li> <li>Satisfactory (2): Model the problems mathematically by application of engineering and science theories and principles with mistakes and errors.</li> <li>Unsatisfactory (1): Cannot formulate the problem mathematically by application of engineering and science theories and principles.</li> </ul>	No measurements	
Target  75% of students achieve the proficiency (A score of 3 or 4 out of 4)		
Dissertation: Performance Indicator (A) for Learning Outcome #1  (A) Identify complex engineering problems by applying proper engineering, science, and mathematical principles.  • Excellent (4): Identify and fully describe complex engineering problems using correct specifications, design variables, and proper constraints.  • Good (3): Identify and describe complex engineering problems but may have missing specifications, design variables, and proper constraints  • Satisfactory (2): Partially identify and describe complex engineering problems	Analysis  No measurements	Maintain Assessment Strategy Need to collect more data

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missing some specifications/design variables/proper constraints • Unsatisfactory (1): Cannot Identify and describe complex engineering problems using specifications, design variables, and proper constraints Direct - Other

#### Target

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#### Dissertation: Performance Indicator (C) for Learning Outcome #1

(C) Solve the problem by applying proper engineering, science, and mathematical principles.

- Excellent (4): Effectively apply the engineering problem solving procedure: mathematical modeling, solution method, interpretation of results
- Good (3): Essentially apply the engineering problem solving procedure: mathematical modeling, solution method, interpretation of results

  • Satisfactory (2): Reasonably apply the
- engineering problem solving procedure: mathematical modeling, solution method, interpretation of results
- Unsatisfactory (1): Cannot follow correctly the engineering problem solving procedures at all

Direct - Other

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## **Analysis**

No measurements

# **Maintain Assessment Strategy**

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#### MET

Qualifying Exam: Performance Indicator (C) for Learning Outcome #1

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**Analysis** 

The results met the target for the SLO.

#### **Maintain Assessment Strategy**

We have been and will continuously analyze the program to identify areas for improvement. Improvements for 2025-2026 will focus on increasing course offerings and modernization of current courses and challenging research projects that utilize advanced technologies and improve students' abilities to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.

# Qualifying Exam: Performance Indicator (A) for Learning Outcome #1

(A) Identify complex engineering problems by applying proper engineering, science, and mathematical principles.

- Excellent (4): Identify and fully describe complex engineering problems using correct specifications, design variables, and proper constraints.
- Good (3): Identify and describe complex engineering problems but may have missing specifications, design variables, and proper constraints
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# Qualifying Exam: Performance Indicator (B) for Learning Outcome #1

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## Student Learning Outcome #2

Students will demonstrate an ability to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation or numerical simulation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions and produce solutions appropriately.

MEASURES	RESULTS	ACTIONS
Dissertation: Performance Indicator (A) for Learning Outcome #2	Analysis	Maintain Assessment Strategy Need to collect more data
(A) Identify the needs, approaches and steps for experimental study or numerical simulation	No measurements	
<ul> <li>Excellent (4): The objectives of the experiment or numerical simulation are clearly specified. The approaches to conduct the experiment or simulation are the best choices and the procedures are concise.</li> <li>Good (3): The objectives of the experiment or numerical simulation are specified. The approaches to conduct the experiment or simulation are of the good choices with good procedures.</li> <li>Satisfactory (2): The objectives of the experiment or numerical simulation are outlined. The approaches to conduct the experiment or simulation are feasible and the procedures are reasonably described.</li> </ul>		

 Unsatisfactory (1): The objectives of the experiment or numerical simulation are not clearly identified. Key components are missing in the approaches and/or the procedures.

Direct - Other

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# Qualifying Exam: Performance Indicator (A) for Learning Outcome #2

(A) Identify the needs, approaches and steps for experimental study or numerical simulation

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**Analysis** 

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#### **Maintain Assessment Strategy**

We have been and will continuously analyze the program to identify areas for improvement. Improvements for 2025-2026 will focus on increasing course offerings and providing unique and challenges research projects to effectively evaluate and improve students' abilities to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation or numerical simulation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions and produce solutions appropriately.

# Dissertation: Performance Indicator (B) for Learning Outcome #2

(B) Obtain data from experimental test or numerical simulation following the steps or numerical simulation

- Excellent (4): Follow the procedure step by step when the experiment or simulation are carried out, and the data are clean and reproducible.
- Good (3): The step-by-step procedure is followed, and the data are good enough to be reproduced
- Satisfactory (2): Carry out the experiment or simulation without

#### **Analysis**

No measurements

## **Maintain Assessment Strategy**

missing the critical steps and the data are useful and somewhat reproducible.

 Unsatisfactory (1): Have one or more major deficiencies in the experimental procedure or numerical simulation method and the data are not obtained or questionable.

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# Dissertation: Performance Indicator (C) for Learning Outcome #2

(C) Organize and analyze the data with tables, figures, regression, and modeling

- Excellent (4): Data are labeled and presented clearly in graphs, charts, and tables. The calculations in data processing are correct.
- Good (3): Data are labeled and presented in graphs, charts, and tables.
   The calculations in data processing are done correctly or with minor mistakes.
- Satisfactory (2): Data are labeled and presented in graphs, charts, and tables with minor flaws. There is no major mistake in data processing.
- Unsatisfactory (1): Some data are missing, and the graphs, charts, or

#### **Analysis**

No measurements

## **Maintain Assessment Strategy**

tables are missing or presented in a wrong way.  Direct - Other  Target  75% of students achieve the proficiency (A score of 3 or 4 out of 4)		
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# Student Learning Outcome #3

Students will demonstrate an ability to use modern engineering tools to produce engineering analysis in a systematic manner.

MEASURES	RESULTS	ACTIONS
Dissertation: Performance Indicator (A) for Learning Outcome #3	Analysis	Maintain Assessment Strategy  Need to collect more data
(A) Ability to use modern engineering tools	No measurements	
Excellent (4): Clearly demonstrated ability to use modern engineering tools     Good (3): Demonstrated acceptable ability to use modern engineering tools     Satisfactory (2): Demonstrated minimal ability to use modern engineering tools     Unsatisfactory (1): Does not demonstrate ability to use modern engineering tools  Direct - Other		

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#### Target 75% of students achieve the proficiency (A score of 3 or 4 out of 4) **MET Maintain Assessment Strategy** Qualifying Exam: Performance Indicator (A) Qualifying Exam: Performance Indicator (A) We have been and will continuously analyze for Learning Outcome #3 for Learning Outcome #3 the program to identify areas for Met improvement. As there are no student (A) Ability to use modern engineering tools assessments, improvements for 2025-2026 will focus on increasing course offerings and • Excellent (4): Clearly demonstrated modernization of current courses and ability to use modern engineering tools challenging research projects that utilize • Good (3): Demonstrated acceptable advanced technologies and modern tools to ability to use modern engineering tools expose students to cutting-edge methods to 0% 100% Satisfactory (2): Demonstrated minimal improve their ability to produce engineering ability to use modern engineering tools Values are not shown when too close to each other. analysis in a systematic manner. • Unsatisfactory (1): Does not Click or use arrow keys to see details demonstrate ability to use modern 100% engineering tools Met: Direct - Other Met Total: 100% Not Met Total: Target **Analysis** 75% of students achieve the proficiency (A score of 3 or 4 out of 4) The results met the target for the SLO **Maintain Assessment Strategy** Dissertation: Performance Indicator (B) for **Analysis** Need to collect more data Learning Outcome #3 No measurements (B) Quality of analysis • Excellent (4): Clearly demonstrates ability to show results of engineering analysis in a high-quality fashion Good (3): Demonstrates acceptable ability to show results of engineering analysis in generally good quality · Satisfactory (2): Demonstrates minimal ability to show results of engineering analysis, quality compromised • Unsatisfactory (1): Does not demonstrate ability to show results of engineering analysis in an acceptable quality Direct - Other Target 75% of students achieve the proficiency (A score of 3 or 4 out of 4) **MET Maintain Assessment Strategy** Qualifying Exam: Performance Indicator (B) Qualifying Exam: Performance Indicator (B) We have been and will continuously analyze for Learning Outcome #3 for Learning Outcome #3 the program to identify areas for Met improvement. As there are no student (B) Quality of analysis assessments, improvements for 2025-2026 will focus on increasing course offerings and • Excellent (4): Clearly demonstrates modernization of current courses and ability to show results of engineering challenging research projects that utilize

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ability to show results of engineering analysis, quality compromised	Met:	100%	
<ul> <li>Unsatisfactory (1): Does not demonstrate ability to show results of engineering analysis in an acceptable quality</li> </ul>	Met Total: Not Met Total:	100%	
Direct - Other			
Target	The results met the	target for the SLO	
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# Student Learning Outcome #4

Students will demonstrate an ability to complete a doctoral dissertation and effectively communicate the dissertation work with a range of audiences.

MEASURES	RESULTS	ACTIONS
Dissertation Report: Performance Indicator (A) for Learning Outcome #4  (A) Dissertation significance  • Excellent (4): Clear definition of thesis topic and the dissertation results can be published in peer-reviewed platforms  • Good (3): Clear definition of thesis topic and the dissertation results can be organized in a presentable form to the committee but not a peer-review level  • Satisfactory (2): Somewhat unclear definition of dissertation topic but with justified contributions  • Unsatisfactory (1): No definition of dissertation topic  Direct - Other	Analysis  No measurements	Maintain Assessment Strategy  Need to collect more data
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Dissertation Defense: Performance Indicator (A) for Learning Outcome #4  (A) Dissertation significance  • Excellent (4): Clear definition of thesis topic and the dissertation results can be published in peer-reviewed platforms  • Good (3): Clear definition of thesis topic and the dissertation results can be organized in a presentable form to the committee but not a peer-review level	Analysis  No measuremets	Maintain Assessment Strategy  Need to collect more data

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Satisfactory (2): Somewhat unclear definition of dissertation topic but with justified contributions     Unsatisfactory (1): No definition of dissertation topic  Direct - Other  Target  75% of students achieve the proficiency (A score of 3 or 4 out of 4)		
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Dissertation Report: Performance Indicator (B) for Learning Outcome #4	Analysis	Maintain Assessment Strategy  Need to collect more data
(B) Organization of dissertation	No measurements	
<ul> <li>Excellent (4): The organizational scheme is logical and complete and makes the report especially pleasurable to read.</li> <li>Good (3): Organizational scheme shows planning and logical order with small deficiencies.</li> <li>Satisfactory (2): Organizational scheme is not apparent and detracts from readability.</li> <li>Unsatisfactory (1): Dissertation is not organized and difficult to read.</li> </ul>		
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Target		
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(B) Organization of dissertation	No measurements	
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Direct - Other		
Target		

Dissertation Report: Performance Indicator (C) for Learning Outcome #4  (C) Dissertation presentation & delivery  • Excellent (4): The presentation is clear, organized, professional and uses visual displays well.  • Good (3): Presentation is somewhat lacking in one of the following: clarity, organization, professionalism, or use of visual displays.  • Satisfactory (2): Presentation is weak in two or three of the critical areas: clarity, organization, professionalism, and visual displays.  • Unsatisfactory (1): Presentation is weak in all the following areas: clarity, organization, professionalism, and visual displays.  Direct - Other	Analysis  No measurements	Maintain Assessment Strategy Need to collect more data
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Dissertation Report: Performance Indicator (D) for Learning Outcome #4  (D) Question & answer - impromptu skills  • Excellent (4): Answers reflect understanding of thesis context.	Analysis  No measurements	Maintain Assessment Strategy  Need to collect more data

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- Responses are fluent, spontaneous, sincere, and confident.
- Good (3): Answers demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the thesis but appear to be rehearsed and formulaic.
- Satisfactory (2): Answers do not convey necessary information. Responses are strained.
- Unsatisfactory (1): Answers to questions show lack of understanding of the thesis. Responses are strained and awkward.

Direct - Other

#### Target

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# Dissertation Defense: Performance Indicator (D) for Learning Outcome #4

- (D) Question & answer impromptu skills
  - Excellent (4): Answers reflect understanding of thesis context. Responses are fluent, spontaneous, sincere, and confident.
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#### **Analysis**

No measurements

# **Maintain Assessment Strategy**