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Level of Achievement of Student Outcome 1:

On completion of the chemical engineering program, our graduates will be able to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.

Assessment Instruments and Frequency:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators, once/yr.
2. Fundamentals of Engineering Examination, once/yr.
3. End-of-Semester Student Surveys, once/semester.
4. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey, once/yr.

Assessment Results:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators

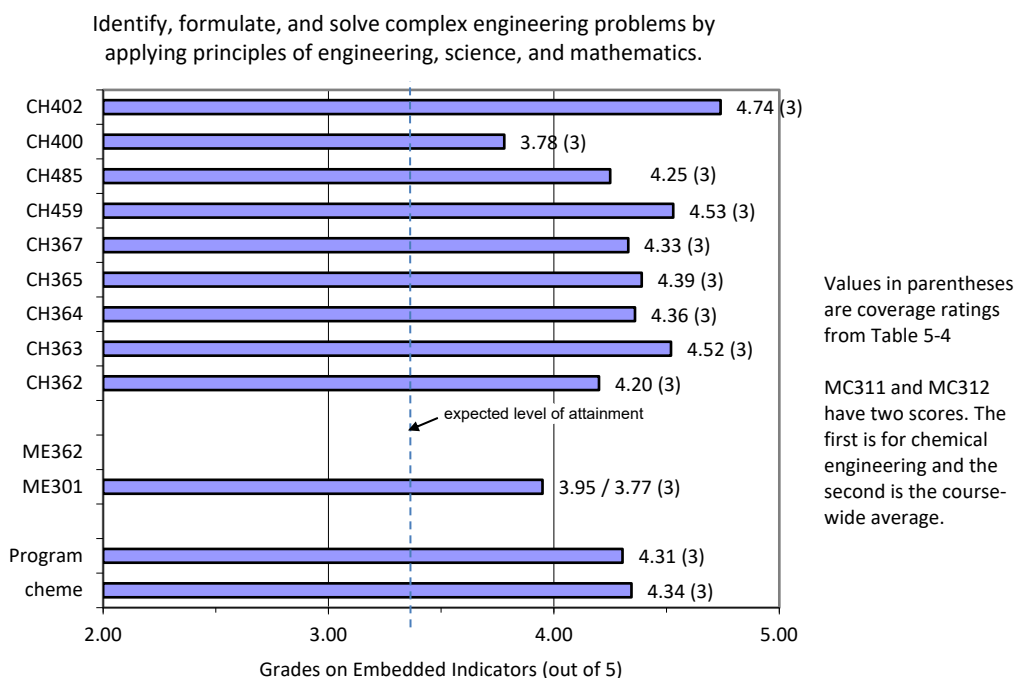


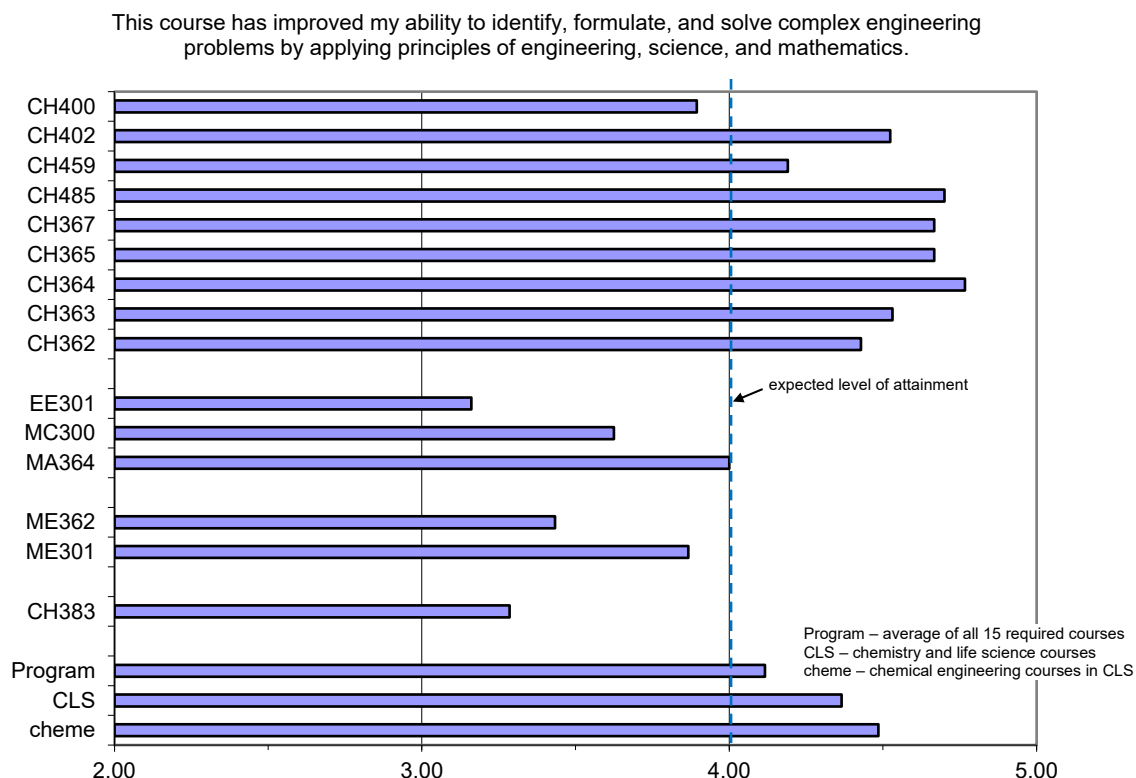
Figure 1-1. Coursework Embedded Indicator results for Student Outcome 1.

2. Fundamentals of Engineering Examination (FEE). According to the 2024 report from NCEES, 14 out of 19 cadets in the Class of 2024 took and passed the FEE. After one successful re-take, our program is at 15 out of 19, or 78.9%. The national average passing in 2024 was 73.2%, and this is our expected level of attainment. In the previous five years, the pass rates were 76.9% in 2023, 91.3% in 2022, 85.0% in 2021, 77.8% in 2020, and 87.5% in 2019. Our running average over those previous five years is $83.7\% \pm 6.2\%$ (versus $73.3\% \pm 2.2\%$ for the national average).

Note: We assess our program against the national average, which is our expected level of attainment, and we are **above** the national average for the pass rate for the past six years.

3. End of Semester Student Surveys

Figure 1-2. End-of-Semester Student Survey responses for Student Outcome 1.



4. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey. This survey is issued to Firsties at the end of their last semester. In this question, they were asked whether they agree with the statement “The program has prepared me to Identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.” 21 out of 21 cadets completed the survey, including 1 studies cadet and one class of 2025 (turnback). Of these, 21 out of 21 cadets said that they either agreed or strongly agreed (score = 5/5 or 4/5), with 19/21 replying that they strongly agreed (score = 5/5) and two cadets replying that they agreed (score = 4/5). This equates to a mean score of $4.91/5.00 \pm 0.30$ for the 21 cadets participating in the survey. The expected level of attainment on this survey is 4.00/5.00.

Level of Achievement of Student Outcome 2:

On completion of the chemical engineering program, our graduates will be able to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.

Assessment Instruments and Frequency:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators, once/yr.
2. End of Semester Student Surveys, once/semester.
3. Course Grades in CH402 Chemical Engineering Process Design, once/yr.
4. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey, once/yr.

Assessment Results:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators

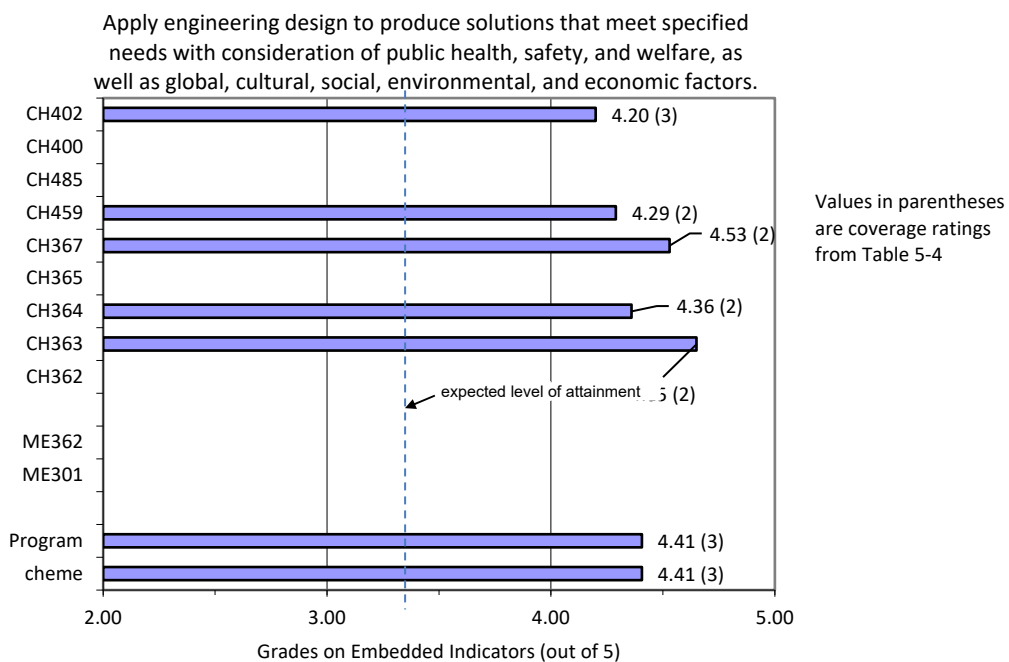


Figure 2-1. Coursework Embedded Indicator results for Student Outcome 2.

2. End of Semester Student Surveys

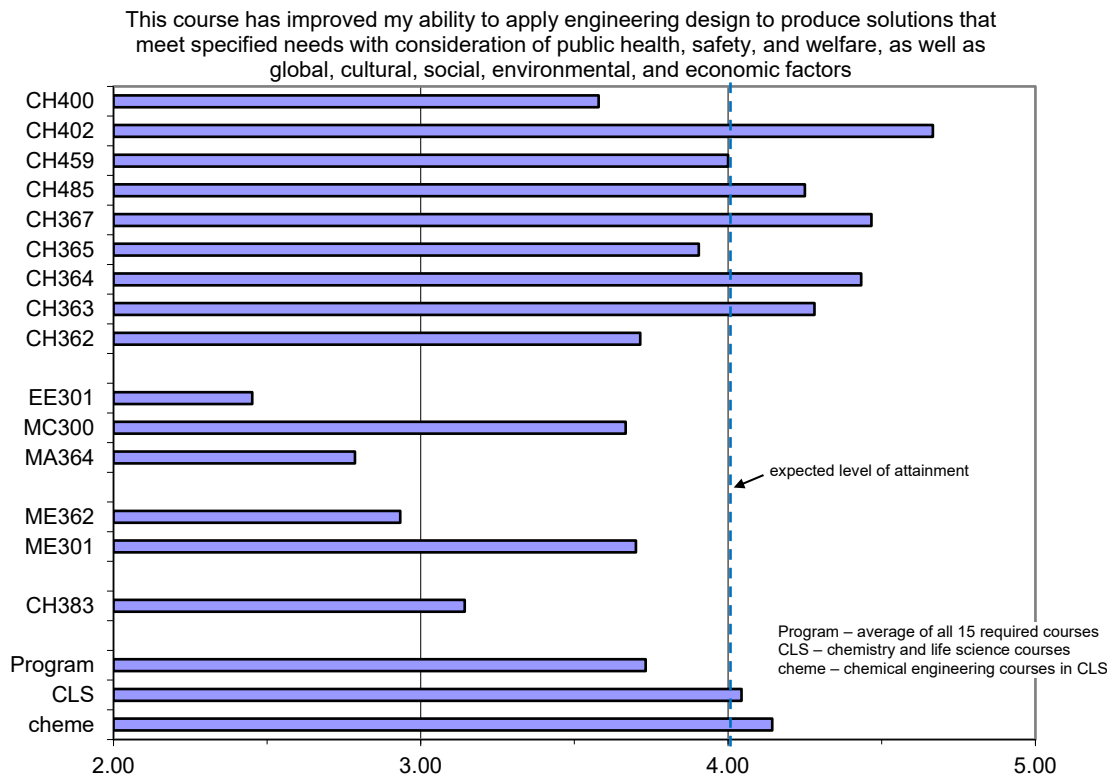


Figure 2-2. End-of-Semester Student Survey responses for Student Outcome 2.

- The average course grade in CH402 Chemical Engineering Process Design was 3.65 ± 0.46 ($n=19$) in AY24, compared to 3.44 ± 0.55 ($n=13$) in AY23, 3.33 ± 0.50 ($n=23$) in AY22, 3.46 ± 0.68 ($n=20$) in AY21, 3.26 ± 0.70 ($n=29$) in AY20, and 3.27 ± 0.92 ($n=21$) in AY19. The 5-year running average for the previous five years is 3.35, and this is our expected level of attainment. This year's score was *above* the 5-year running average.
- Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey. As stated earlier, this survey is given to Firsties at the end of their last semester. In this question, they were asked whether or not they agree with the statement "The program has prepared me to apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors." 21 out of 21 cadets completed the survey, including 1 studies cadet and one class of 2025 (turnback). Of these, 20 out of 21 cadets said that they either agreed or strongly agreed (score = 5/5 or 4/5), with 12/21 replying that they strongly agreed (score = 5/5), 8/21 replying that they agreed (score = 4/5), and 1/21 that they were neutral (score = 3/5). This equates to a mean score of $4.52/5.00 \pm 0.60$ for the 21 cadets. The expected level of attainment on this survey is 4.00/5.00.

Level of Achievement of Student Outcome 3:

On completion of the chemical engineering program, our graduates will be able to communicate effectively with a range of audiences.

Assessment Instruments and Frequency:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators, once/yr.
2. End of Semester Student Surveys, once/semester.
3. Course Grades in CH459 Unit Operations Laboratory, once/yr.
4. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey, once/yr.

Assessment Results:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators

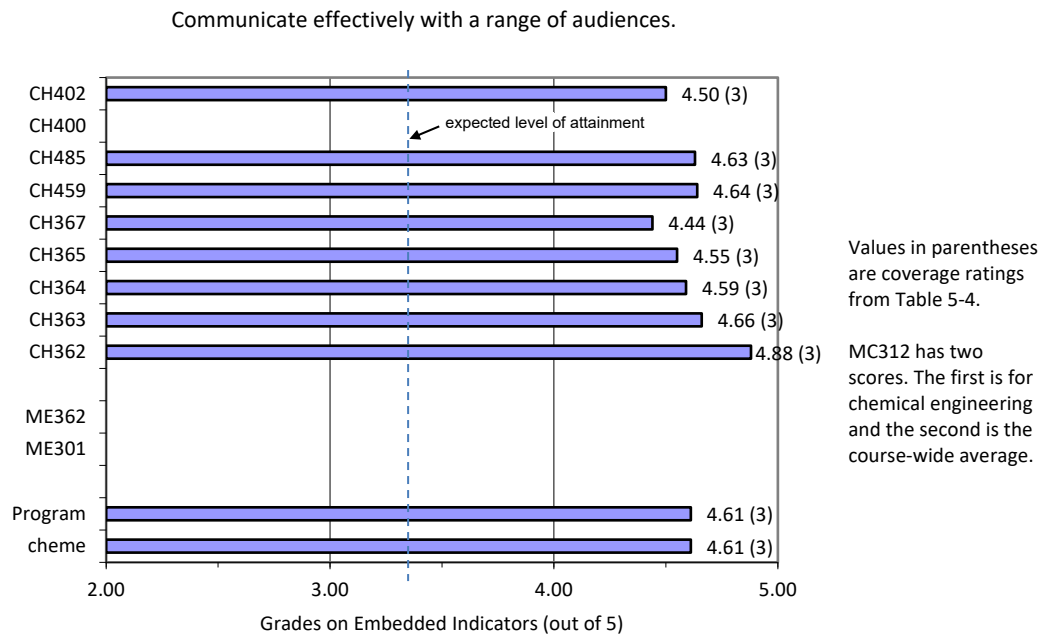


Figure 3-1. Coursework Embedded Indicator results for Student Outcome 3.

2. End of Semester Student Surveys

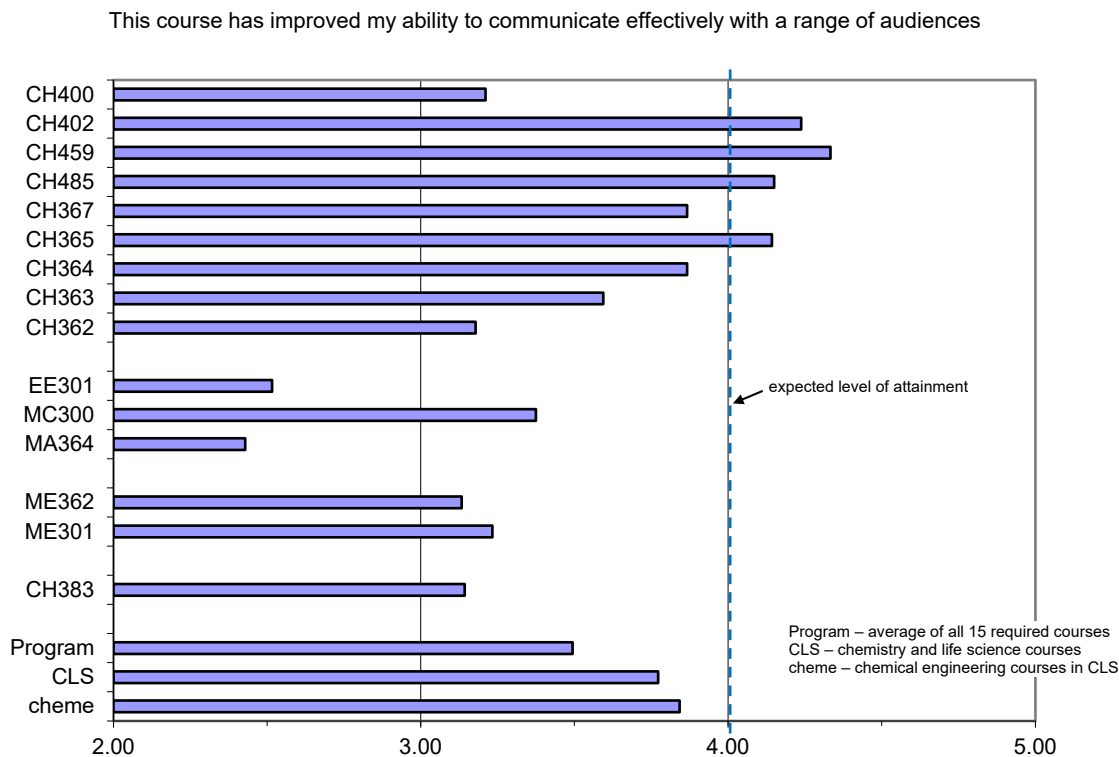


Figure 3-2. End-of-Semester Student Survey responses for Student Outcome 3.

3. The average course grade in CH459 Chemical Engineering Laboratory was 3.70 ± 0.46 ($n=19$) in AY24, compared to 3.41 ± 0.43 ($n=13$) in AY23, 3.80 ± 0.42 ($n=23$) in AY22, 3.67 ± 0.53 ($n=18$) in AY21, 3.53 ± 0.48 ($n=29$) in AY20, and 3.52 ± 0.44 ($n=19$) in AY19. The 5-year running average is 3.59, and this is our expected level of attainment. This year's score was above the 5-year running average.
4. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey. As stated earlier, this survey is given to Firsties at the end of their last semester. In this question, they were asked whether they agree with the statement "The program has prepared me to communicate effectively with a range of audiences." 21 out of 21 cadets completed the survey, including 1 studies cadet and one class of 2025 (turnback). Of these, 21 out of 21 cadets said that they either agreed or strongly agreed (score = 5/5 or 4/5), with 10/21 replying that they strongly agreed (score = 5/5), and 11/21 replying that they agreed (score = 4/5). This equates to a mean score of $4.48/5.00 \pm 0.51$ for the 21 cadets. The expected level of attainment on this survey is 4.00/5.00.

Level of Achievement of Student Outcome 4:

On completion of the chemical engineering program, our graduates will be able to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.

Assessment Instruments and Frequency:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators, once/yr.
2. Fundamentals of Engineering Examination Performance Index, once/yr.
3. End of Semester Student Surveys, once/semester.
4. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey, once/yr.
5. Completion of Cadet Character Education Program, once/yr.

Assessment Results:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators

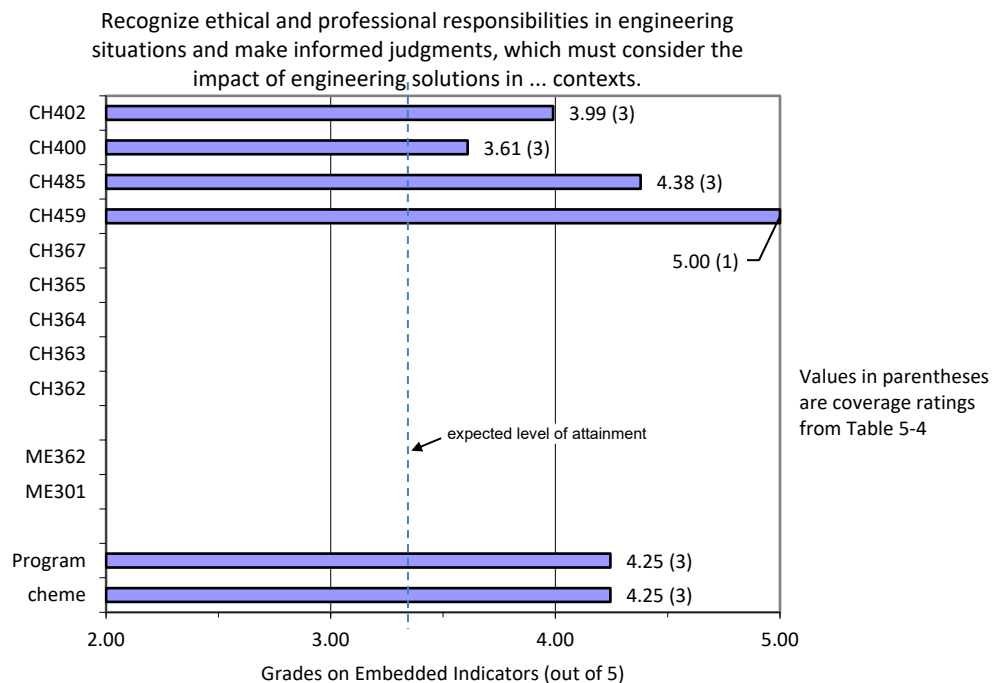


Figure 4-1. Coursework Embedded Indicator results for Student Outcome 4.

2. Fundamentals of Engineering Examination Performance, Self-Study Table 4-2.

Subject	Outcome	Questions	USMA	National (Expected level of attainment)
Ethics and Professional Practice	4	3	10.9	11.5 ± 4.4
Economics	4	4	10.6	10.2 ± 3.4

Note: the national average is our expected level of attainment, and we are within the standard deviation reported by NCEES.

3. End of Semester Student Surveys

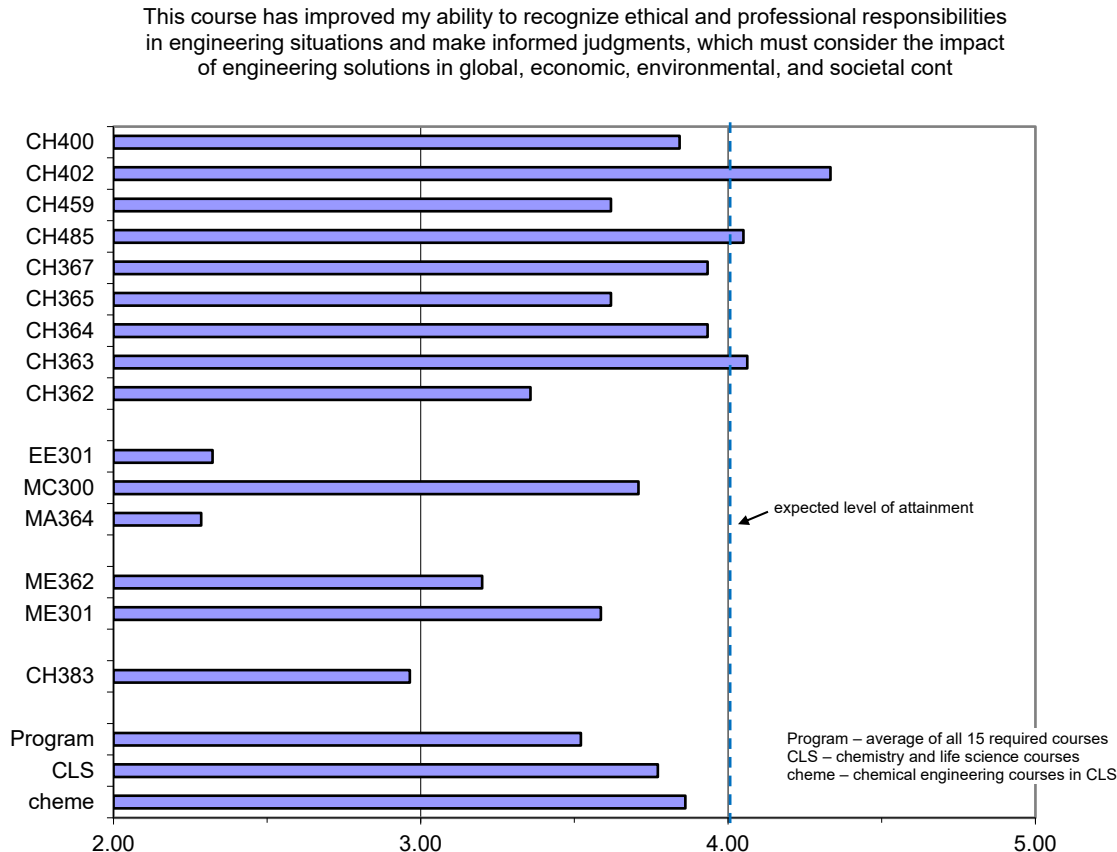


Figure 4-2. End-of-Semester Student Survey responses for Student Outcome 4.

4. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey. This survey is given to the Firsties at the end of their last semester. Cadets were asked to respond to the statement “The program has prepared me to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.” 21 out of 21 cadets completed the survey, including 1 studies cadet and one class of 2025 (turnback). Of these, 17 out of 21 cadets said that they either agreed or strongly agreed (score = 5/5 or 4/5), with 9/21 replying that they strongly agreed (score = 5/5), 8/21 replying that they agreed (score = 4/5), and 4/21 replying that they were neutral (score = 3/5). This equates to a mean score of $4.24/5.00 \pm 0.77$ for the 21 cadets. The expected level of attainment is 4.00/5.00.
5. Training in honor and ethics takes place in the Cadet Character Education Program (CCEP) during the academic year and summer terms. The program is overseen by the Commandant of Cadets through the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic. CCEP customizes instruction to each of the four year-groups of cadets, who interact with faculty volunteers who share their perspectives and experience in the Armed Forces, with industry, and at other civilian institutions. All 23 chemical engineering cadets successfully completed the 4-year CCEP program.

Level of Achievement of Student Outcome 5:

On completion of the chemical engineering program, our graduates will be able to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.

Assessment Instruments and Frequency:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators, once/yr.
2. End of Semester Student Surveys, once/semester.
3. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey, once/yr.
4. Multidisciplinary Skills Rubric, once/yr.

Assessment Results:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators

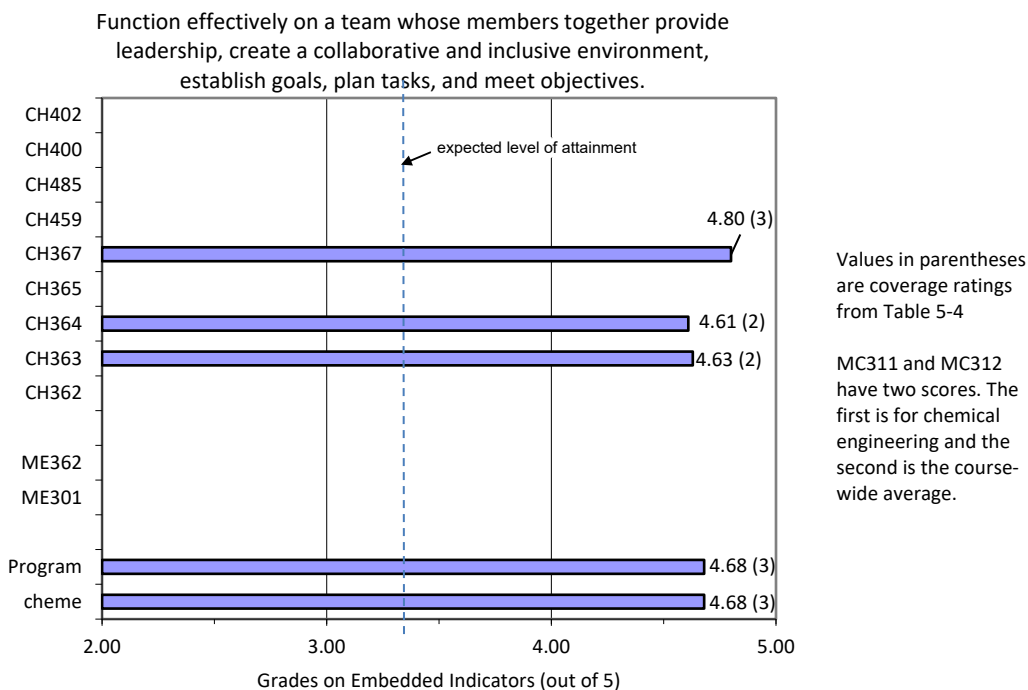


Figure 5-1. Coursework Embedded Indicator results for Student Outcome 5.

2. End of Semester Student Surveys

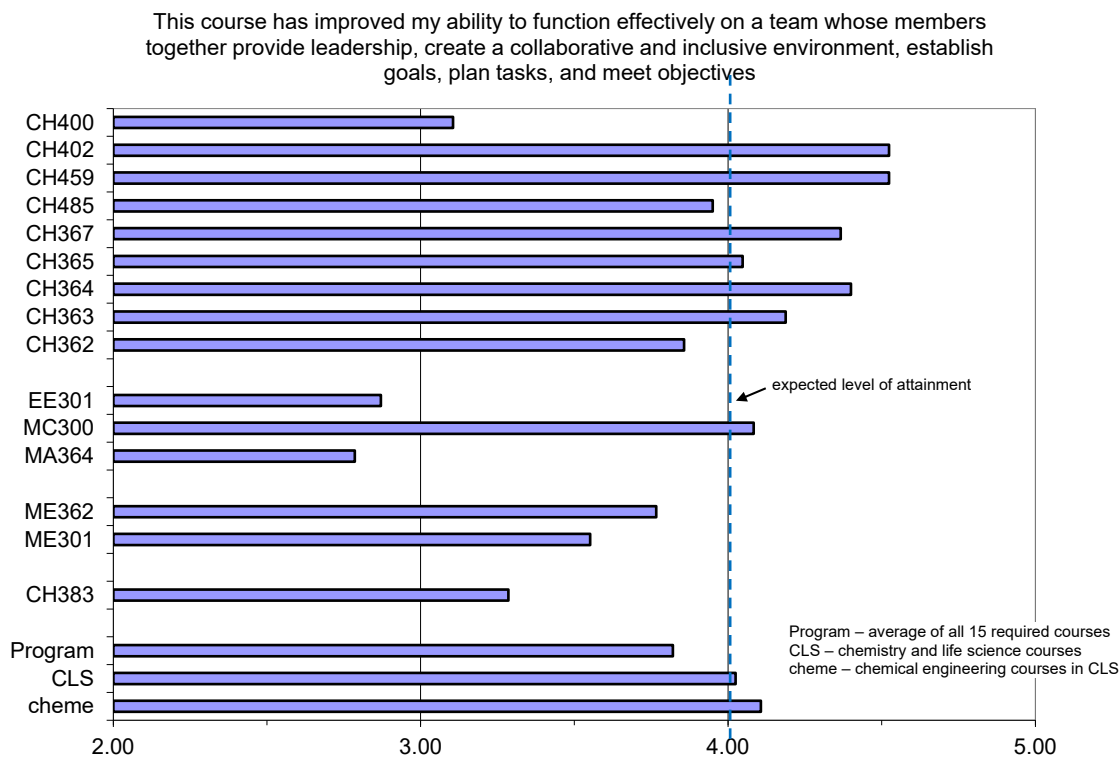


Figure 5-2. End-of-Semester Student Survey responses for Student Outcome 5.

3. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey. As stated earlier, this survey is given to the Firsties at the end of their last semester. In this question, they were asked whether or not they agree with the statement “The program has prepared me to function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.” 21 out of 21 cadets completed the survey, including 1 studies cadet and one class of 2025 (turnback). Of these, 21 out of 21 cadets said that they either agreed or strongly agreed (score = 5/5 or 4/5), with 17/21 replying that they strongly agreed (score = 5/5) and 4/21 replying that they agreed (score = 4/5). This equates to a mean score of $4.81/5.00 \pm 0.40$ for the 21 cadets. The expected level of attainment on this survey is 4.00/5.00.
4. Teamwork Skills Rubric. The rubric is used to assess performance in four skills associated with the ability to function on effectively on a team, namely technical competence, communication, organization, and teamwork. The rubrics are completed by the cadets after each laboratory exercise in CH459. The results were averaged over each round-robin and reported below using the actual rubric for formatting. The superscript “a” next to the averages are for team assessment of the group leader (TAL) and “b” designates group leader assessment of the team (GLAT). The expected level of attainment is 4.0. The color shading indicates the

relationship of the averages to the expected level of attainment. Red shading indicates when improvement is needed.

Your Name: Dr. Enoch Nagelli				Person Assessed: Cadets in CH459					
Your Position: CH459 CD				Major of Person Assessed: Chemical Engineering					
	1 – Needs Improvement	1	2	3 – Meets Expectations	3	4	5 – Exceeds Expectations	5	N/A
Technical Competence	Some misunderstandings of the technical content.			Demonstrated knowledge of the technical content.			Exceptional knowledge of technical content.	4.7 ^a ±.17 ^c 4.6 ^b ±.21 ^c	
Communication	Lacked sensitivity and/or did not provide specific suggestions for improvement.			Effectively communicated important points.			Exceptional ability to explain important points. Very effectively communicated ideas for improvement.	4.6 ^a ±.12 ^c 4.6 ^b ±.32 ^c	
Organization	Was not prepared to give sufficient time to prepare.			Demonstrated effective organization during class.			Was exceptionally efficient, timely and responsive throughout the entire process.	4.6 ^a ±.09 ^c 4.6 ^b ±.3 ^c	
Teamwork	Demonstrated limited ability to see other perspectives or find common ground.			Worked collaboratively with team members to reach consensus.			Exceptional ability to help group find common ground or resolve conflict in order to ultimately reach consensus.	4.6 ^a ±.09 ^c 4.5 ^b ±.19 ^c	
Are the cadets capable of functioning on multidisciplinary teams? Yes	Comments: Each cadet was group leader twice. Footnote "a" designates the average of all Team Assessments of Leader (TAL) scores, while "b" designates average of all Group Leader Assessment (GLAT) scores. Footnote "c" designates standard deviations.				Footnote "a" designates the average of all Team Assessments of Leader (TAL) scores, while "b" designates average of all Group Leader Assessment (GLAT) scores. Footnote "c" designates standard deviations.		Assignment used for assessment: AY23, Round Robin 1		

Your Name: Dr. Enoch Nagelli				Person Assessed: Cadets in CH459					
Your Position: CH459 CD				Major of Person Assessed: Chemical Engineering					
	1 – Needs Improvement	1	2	3 – Meets Expectations	3	4	5 – Exceeds Expectations	5	N/A
Technical Competence	Some misunderstandings of the technical content.			Demonstrated knowledge of the technical content.			Exceptional knowledge of technical content.	4.9 ^a ±.02 ^c 5.0 ^b ±0.0 ^c	
Communication	Lacked sensitivity and/or did not provide specific suggestions for improvement.			Effectively communicated important points.			Exceptional ability to explain important points. Very effectively communicated ideas for improvement.	4.9 ^a ±.05 ^c 5.0 ^b ±0.0 ^c	
Organization	Was not prepared or did not give sufficient time to prepare.			Demonstrated effective organization during class.			Was exceptionally efficient, timely and responsive throughout the entire process.	4.9 ^a ±.02 ^c 5.0 ^b ±0.0 ^c	
Teamwork	Demonstrated limited ability to see other perspectives or find common ground.			Worked collaboratively with team members to reach consensus.			Exceptional ability to help group find common ground or resolve conflict in order to ultimately reach consensus.	4.9 ^a ±.05 ^c 5.0 ^b ±0.0 ^c	
Are the cadets capable of functioning on multidisciplinary teams? Yes	Comments: Each cadet was group leader twice. Footnote "a" designates the average of all Team Assessments of Leader (TAL) scores, while "b" designates average of all Group Leader Assessment (GLAT) scores. Footnote "c" designates standard deviations.				Footnote "a" designates the average of all Team Assessments of Leader (TAL) scores, while "b" designates average of all Group Leader Assessment (GLAT) scores. Footnote "c" designates standard deviations.		Assignment used for assessment: AY22, Round Robin 2		

Level of Achievement of Student Outcome 6:

On completion of the chemical engineering program, our graduates will be able to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze, and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.

Assessment Instruments and Frequency:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators, once/yr.
2. End-of-Semester Student Surveys, once/semester.
3. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey, once/yr.
4. Course Grades in CH459 Unit Operations Laboratory, once/yr.

Assessment Results:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators

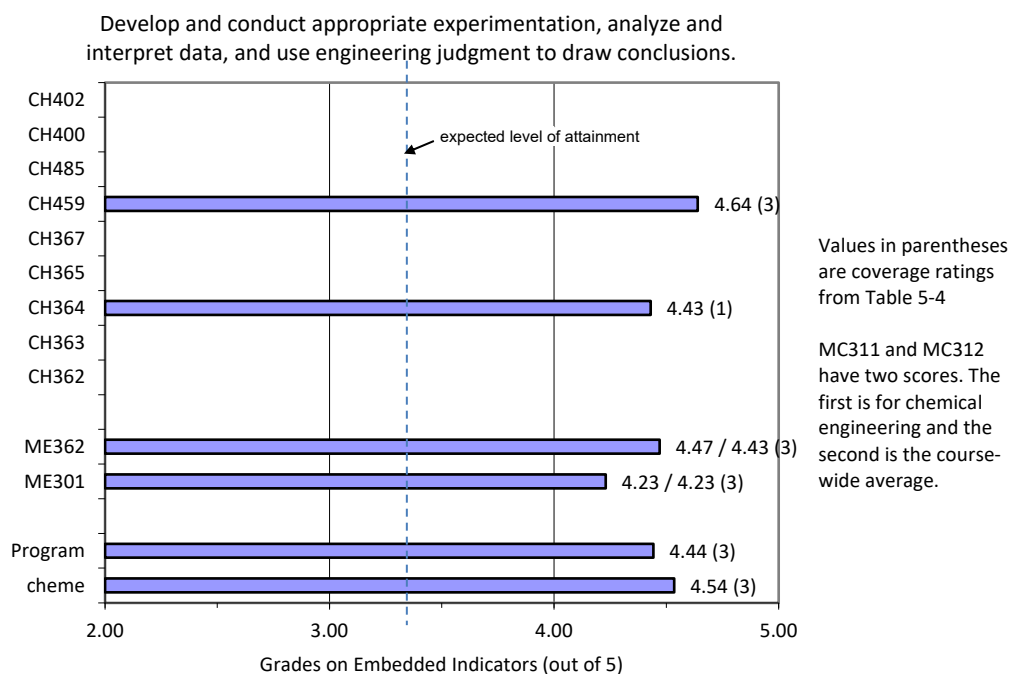


Figure 6-1. Coursework Embedded Indicator results for Student Outcome 6.

2. End of Semester Student Surveys

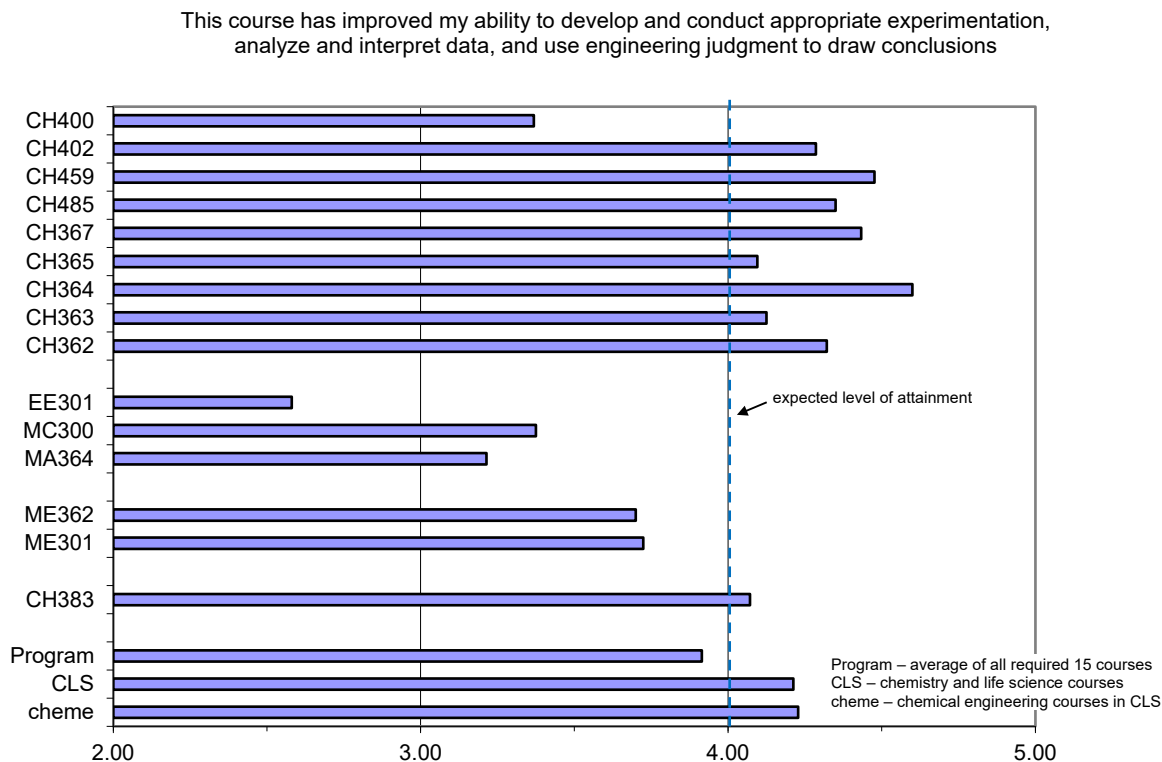


Figure 6-2. End-of-Semester Student Survey responses for Student Outcome 6.

3. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey. As stated earlier, this survey is given to the Firsties at the end of their last semester. In this question, they were asked whether they agree with the statement “The program has prepared me to develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.” 21 out of 21 cadets completed the survey, including 1 studies cadet and one class of 2025 (turnback). Of these, 20 out of 21 cadets said that they either agreed or strongly agreed (score = 5/5 or 4/5), with 17/21 replying that they strongly agreed (score = 5/5), 3/21 replying that they agreed (score = 4/5), and 1/21 replying that they were neutral (score = 3/5). This equates to a mean score of $4.76/5.00 \pm 0.54$ for the 21 cadets. The expected level of attainment on this survey is 4.00/5.00.
4. The average course grade in CH459 Chemical Engineering Laboratory was 3.70 ± 0.46 (n=19) in AY24, compared to 3.41 ± 0.43 (n=13) in AY23, 3.80 ± 0.42 (n=23) in AY22, 3.67 ± 0.53 (n=18) in AY21, 3.53 ± 0.48 (n=29) in AY20, and 3.52 ± 0.44 (n=19) in AY19. The 5-year running average is 3.59, and this is our expected level of attainment. This year’s score was above the 5-year running average.

Level of Achievement of Student Outcome 7:

On completion of the chemical engineering program, our graduates will be able to acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.

Assessment Instruments and Frequency:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators, once/yr.
2. Percent of eligible students taking the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination (FEE), once/yr.
3. End of Semester Student Surveys, once/semester.
4. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey, once/yr.
5. Lifelong Learning Skills Rubric, twice per year.
6. Contemporary Issues Rubric, multiple times per year.

Assessment Results:

1. Chemical & Mechanical Engineering Coursework Embedded Indicators

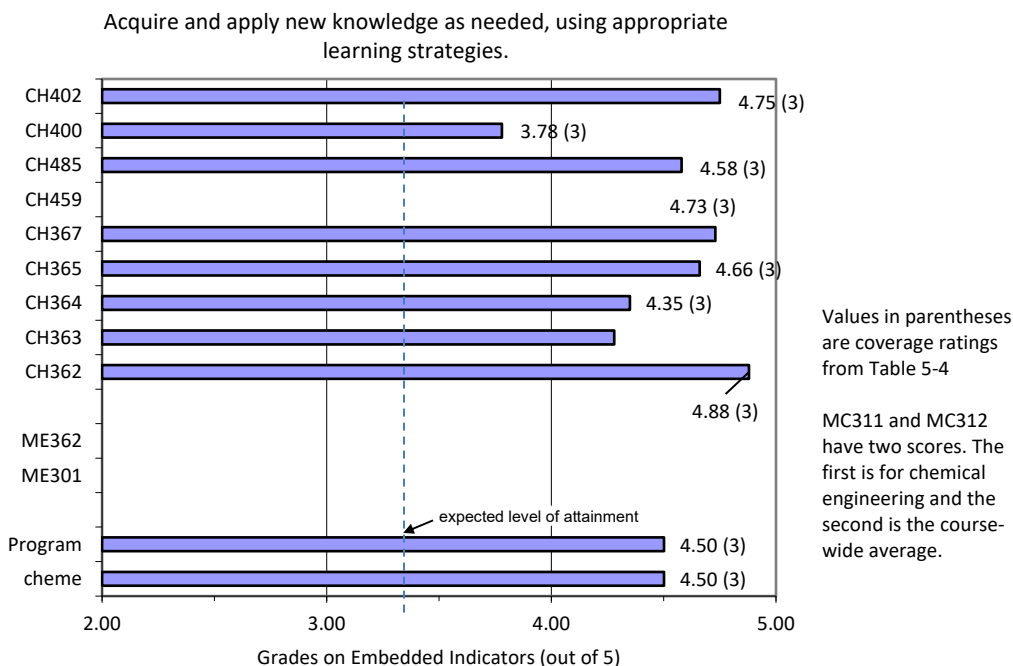


Figure 7-1. Coursework Embedded Indicator results for Student Outcome 7.

2. Percent of Eligible Cadets taking the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination (FEE). For the Class of 2024, 19 of 19 chemical engineering cadets (100% of eligible cadets) prepared for and took the FEE. For the Class of 2023, 13 of 13 chemical engineering cadets (100% of eligible cadets) prepared for and took the FEE. This compares to 100% in years 2018 and 2019, with 31% in 2020 (9 of 29), and 100% in 2021, 2022, and 2023. The decline in participation in 2020 was due to closure of NCEES test centers nationwide in addition to restrictions on cadet movement during the COVID-19 crisis. NCEES reported a decline from 1047 participants in 2019 to 480 in 2020, which recovered somewhat to 668 in 2021, 600 in 2022, 521 in 2023, and 654 in 2024. **Note: The participation rate is EXCELLENT.**

3. End of Semester Student Surveys

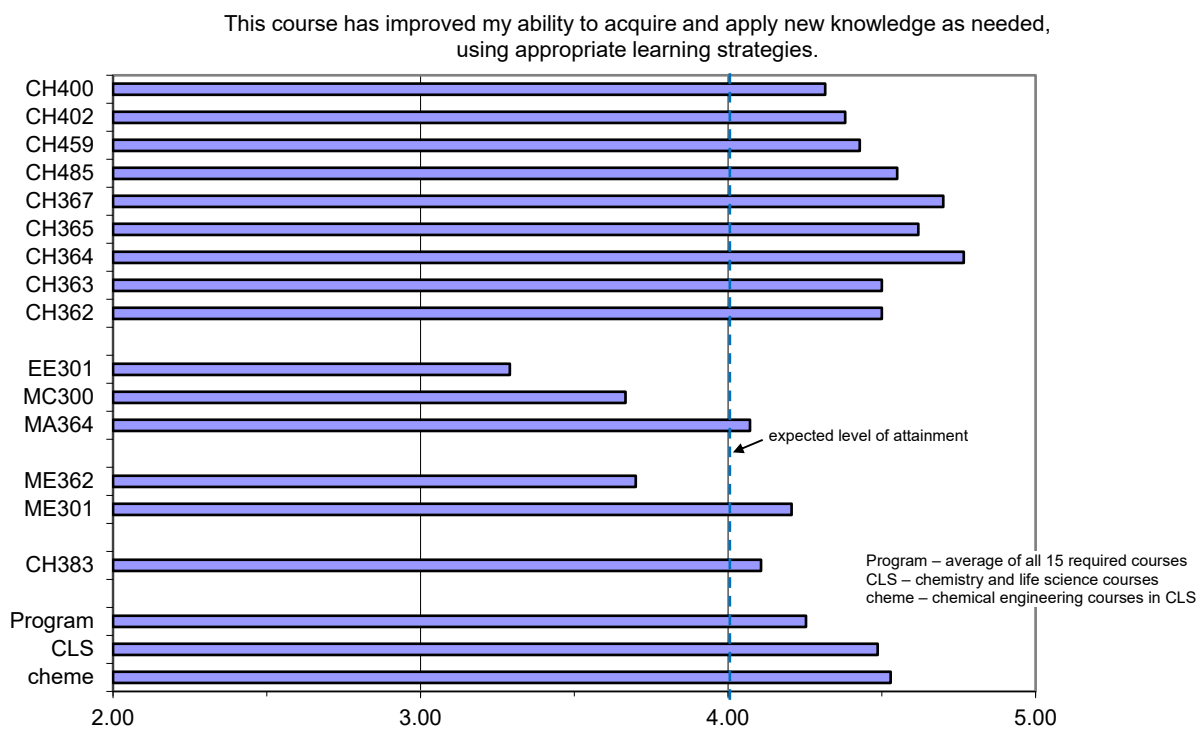


Figure 7-2. End-of-Semester Student Survey responses for Student Outcome 7.

4. Chemical Engineering Program Exit Survey. As stated earlier, this survey is given to the Firsties at the end of their last semester. In this question, they were asked whether they agree with the statement “The program has prepared me to Acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.” 21 out of 21 cadets completed the survey, including 1 studies cadet and one class of 2025 (turnback). Of these, 21 out of 21 cadets said that they either agreed or strongly agreed (score = 5/5 or 4/5), with 14/21 replying that they strongly agreed (score = 5/5) and 7/14 replying that they agreed (score = 4/5). This equates to a mean score of $4.62/5.00 \pm 0.50$ for the 21 cadets. The expected level of attainment on this survey is 4.00/5.00.
5. Lifelong Learning Skills Rubric. This rubric, when used in tandem with the resume writing assignment in CH365, is designed to assess performance in four skills associated with the ability to acquire new knowledge, namely: rubric row 1 - engagement (in professional activities), rubric row 2 - recognition (of skills learned in the program), rubric row 3 – intellectual growth (recognition of new skills), and rubric row 4 – communication (in resume format). Resumes were written at the beginning of the semester (assignment 1.1), then revised at the end of the semester (assignment 2.1). One rubric is shown for each assignment below, along with cadet averages and standard deviations. The expected levels of attainment are color-coded, with red indicating a need for improvement, yellow indicating acceptable

performance, and green indicating that expectations are met or exceeded. Instructor comments are in the rubrics.

Instructor's Name: Biaglow				Cadet Assessed: Summary, all cadets in CH365			
Your Position: Instructor, CH365 (e.g., CD CH365)				Cadet Major: Chemical Engineering (e.g., Chem. Eng.)			
	1 – Needs Improvement	1	2	3 – Meets Expectations	3	4	5 – Exceeds Expectations
Engagement Outcome 7	No evidence of pre-professional activities.			References to pre-professional activities are lacking or connections to chemical engineering are weak or implied.			Uses examples of pre-professional chemical engineering activities.
							5.0 ± 0.0
Recognition Outcome 7	Skills learned in chemical engineering courses taken in previous semesters are not listed.			Skills are listed, but the skills are vaguely described, or connection to chemical engineering concepts is not clear.			Identifies specific skills learned in chemical engineering courses.
							4.6 ± 0.5
Intellectual Growth Outcome 7	Unable to identify new concepts learned this semester.			Changes are apparent in document, but connections to recent activities in chemical engineering are weak or implied.		4.4 ± 0.6	Addition of multiple skills acquired this semester.
Communication Outcome 3	Resume lacks organization or cohesion. Numerous grammatical errors that may interfere with meaning. Target audience unclear.			Occasional grammar errors that do not impede meaning. Demonstrates ability to write a basic resume, but document is uninteresting and flat.			Demonstrates an ability to effectively communicate in the resume format. Clear, concise content. Resume is interesting.
							4.8 ± 0.3
Has this cadet demonstrated SO7 (acquiring knowledge)? (Y/N) Y	Comments: Cadet scores were very good overall because most cadets read the assignment carefully, paid attention to the guidance, and wrote about ideas that met the rubric requirements. Final Grade: 4.7 ± 0.5 / 5.0					Assignment used for assessment: (e.g., resume draft 1.1 in CH365) resume draft 1.1 in CH365	

Instructor's Name: Biaglow				Cadet Assessed: Summary, all cadets in CH365			
Your Position: Instructor, CH365 (e.g., CD CH365)				Cadet Major: Chemical Engineering (e.g., Chem. Eng.)			
	1 – Needs Improvement	1	2	3 – Meets Expectations	3	4	5 – Exceeds Expectations
Engagement Outcome 7	No evidence of pre-professional activities.			References to pre-professional activities are lacking or connections to chemical engineering are weak or implied.			Uses examples of pre-professional chemical engineering activities.
							5.0 ± 0.0
Recognition Outcome 7	Skills learned in chemical engineering courses taken in previous semesters are not listed.			Skills are listed, but the skills are vaguely described, or connection to chemical engineering concepts is not clear.			Identifies specific skills learned in chemical engineering courses.
							4.7 ± 0.5
Intellectual Growth Outcome 7	Unable to identify new concepts learned this semester.			Changes are apparent in document, but connections to recent activities in chemical engineering are weak or implied.		4.4 ± 0.6	Addition of multiple skills acquired this semester.
Communication Outcome 3	Resume lacks organization or cohesion. Numerous grammatical errors that may interfere with meaning. Target audience unclear.			Occasional grammar errors that do not impede meaning. Demonstrates ability to write a basic resume, but document is uninteresting and flat.			Demonstrates an ability to effectively communicate in the resume format. Clear, concise content. Resume is interesting.
							4.8 ± 0.3
Has this cadet demonstrated SO7 (acquiring knowledge)? (Y/N) Y	Comments: Scores increased slightly with respect to the first draft in row two (recognition). Scores were similar to last year. Instructor provided mentoring on inclusion of new content from current chemical engineering courses. Final Grade: 4.7 ± 0.5 / 5.0					Assignment used for assessment: (e.g., resume draft 1.1 in CH365) resume draft 2.1 in CH365	

There is normally improvement in scores in draft 2.1 as cadets incorporate instructor comments to improve and polish their documents. Version 2.1, though, requires articulation of new skills acquired during the semester. Scores can go down if cadets do not show new activities and skills learned during the current semester, and in some individual cases the scores did drop, and intellectual growth (row3) did increase. Overall and on average, the program scores are solidly in the green in all four categories by the end of the semester.

6. Contemporary Issues Rubric (follows on page 18). The contemporary issues rubric is designed to assess performance in four skills associated with the ability to acquire new knowledge, namely: rubric row 1 - acquiring knowledge (through development and use of references), rubric row 2 - technical competence of the cadet (as demonstrated with writing skills), rubric row 3 – impact of contemporary issues (ability to link contemporary issues to relevant chemical engineering concepts), and rubric row 4 - grammar and structure. Each of these skills, taken independently, are associated with written communication (Student Outcome 3). However, the development and blending of these skills into a coherent and well-crafted essay are a measure of acquisition of new knowledge and are thus used by our program to assess Student Outcome 8. Admittedly, this is not a complete measure of a student's ability to acquire new knowledge, only that ability as expressed in an essay. Therefore, we combine this exercise with the other embedded indicators in this section of the report.

Operationally, the contemporary issues rubric is completed by the instructor to award grades to cadets for the writing assignments in this course. In this case, LTC Cowart used one writing assignment in CH485, completed in two drafts. The draft and final submissions were graded against the rubric, with the total average score and average scores per outcome shown in the screenshots above. In AY24 (this year), the average for the draft was 4.0 ± 0.81 and the average on the final was 4.8 ± 0.4 , so cadets achieved a better average on the final than on the draft submission. Scores also showed some improvement year-to-year, compared to 3.8 ± 0.9 and 4.8 ± 0.5 in AY23 in the draft and final reports, respectively. We conclude that cadets achieved each of the graded rubric rows with proficiency, and instructor comments are included in the screenshots.

Instructor's Name: LTC Cowart				Cadet Assessed: All Cadets in CH485 (AY24-1)				
Your Position: CD, CH485 (e.g., CD CH485)				Cadet Major: Chemical Engineering (e.g., Chem. Eng.)				
	1 – Needs Improvement	1	2	3 – Meets Expectations	3	4	5 – Exceeds Expectations	5
Acquiring Knowledge Outcome 7	Cites references but they are not substantive or do not address assignment. Context is weak or implied. Uses generic arguments or lacks specificity.			Cites at least two references relevant to the assignment. References have been adequately studied and re-worded to support a thesis.		4.0 +/- 0.7	Uses multiple substantive examples or scholarly articles in an integrative fashion to support a thesis.	
Technical Competence Outcomes 8	Demonstrates poor or incomplete understanding of technical content.			Demonstrates some knowledge of the technical content, but explanation lacks adequate depth.		3.6 +/- 0.8	Demonstrates exceptional knowledge of technical content.	
Impact of Contemporary Issues Outcome 4	Does not have a premise or does not connect issues in essay to concepts in chemical engineering.			Makes connections to chemical engineering concepts, but the connections are weak or implied or premise is weak.		3.9 +/- 0.7	Makes very clear connections between premise and chemical engineering concepts.	
Communication Outcome 3	Writing lacks organization or cohesion. Numerous grammatical errors or errors interfere with meaning. Thesis lacking or implied.			Occasional grammar errors that do not impede meaning. Demonstrates ability to write an essay but lacks cohesion or completeness. Thesis not fully supported.		4.3 +/- 0.9	Demonstrates an ability to effectively communicate in the essay format. Fully supported, clear, concise thesis. Writing style was exceptionally clear and articulate.	
Has this cadet demonstrated SO7 (acquiring knowledge)? (Y/N) Y	Comments: Cadets met expectations on the draft writing assignment. Cadets demonstrated acquisition of new knowledge and generally wrote in an acceptable format. Technical content with respect to chemical engineering processes, including heat & mass transfer can be improved, as well as writing organization. Final Grade: 4.0 +/- 0.81					Assignment used for assessment: (e.g., draft 1 writing assignment 1 in CH485) CH485 Writing DRAFT		

Instructor's Name: LTC Cowart				Cadet Assessed: All Cadets in CH485 (AY24-1)				
Your Position: CD, CH485 (e.g., CD CH485)				Cadet Major: Chemical Engineering (e.g., Chem. Eng.)				
	1 – Needs Improvement	1	2	3 – Meets Expectations	3	4	5 – Exceeds Expectations	5
Acquiring Knowledge Outcome 7	Cites references but they are not substantive or do not address assignment. Context is weak or implied. Uses generic arguments or lacks specificity.			Cites at least two references relevant to the assignment. References have been adequately studied and re-worded to support a thesis.			Uses multiple substantive examples or scholarly articles in an integrative fashion to support a thesis.	4.8 +/- 0.4
Technical Competence Outcomes 8	Demonstrates poor or incomplete understanding of technical content.			Demonstrates some knowledge of the technical content, but explanation lacks adequate depth.			Demonstrates exceptional knowledge of technical content.	4.7 +/- 0.5
Impact of Contemporary Issues Outcome 4	Does not have a premise or does not connect issues in essay to concepts in chemical engineering.			Makes connections to chemical engineering concepts, but the connections are weak or implied or premise is weak.			Makes very clear connections between premise and chemical engineering concepts.	4.8 +/- 0.4
Communication Outcome 3	Writing lacks organization or cohesion. Numerous grammatical errors or errors interfere with meaning. Thesis lacking or implied.			Occasional grammar errors that do not impede meaning. Demonstrates ability to write an essay but lacks cohesion or completeness. Thesis not fully supported.			Demonstrates an ability to effectively communicate in the essay format. Fully supported, clear, concise thesis. Writing style was exceptionally clear and articulate.	4.8 +/- 0.4
Has this cadet demonstrated SO7 (acquiring knowledge)? (Y/N) Y	Comments: Significant improvement from the draft version of the contemporary issues essay. Technical improvement, inclusion of figures/drawings/schematics, coupled with extensive discussion of contemporary issues regarding the chosen topic resulted in interesting, thoughtful papers. Final Grade: 4.8 +/- 0.4					Assignment used for assessment: (e.g., draft 1 writing assignment 1 in CH485) CH485 Writing FINAL		

Level of Achievement of Student Outcome 8:

The program provides the graduate with a thorough grounding and working knowledge of the chemical sciences, including:

- (8.1) Chemistry.
- (8.2) Material and energy balances
- (8.3) Safety and environmental factors.
- (8.4) Thermodynamics of physical and chemical equilibria.
- (8.5) Heat, mass, and momentum transfer.
- (8.6) Chemical reaction engineering.
- (8.7) Continuous and staged separation operations.
- (8.8) Process dynamics and control.
- (8.9) Modern experimental and computing techniques.
- (8.10) Process design.

Assessment Instruments and Frequency:

1. Fundamentals of Engineering Examination, once/yr.
2. Average Course Grades for Chemical Engineering Students, once/yr.

Assessment Results:

1. Fundamentals of Engineering Examination, Table 4-14. For the Class of 2021, the breakdown by topic is shown in comparison to the national averages.

Subject	Outcome	Questions	USMA ChE	National (expected level of attainment)
Chemistry & Biology	8.1	7	10.0	9.6±2.7
Material & Energy Balances	8.2	10	9.1	9.5±2.3
Safety, Health, & Environmental	8.3	5	9.6	10.1±3.3
Thermodynamics	8.4	8	9.2	9.4±2.2
Heat Transfer	8.5	8	8.6	9.8±2.5
Fluid Mechanics/Dynamics	8.5	8	9.2	9.4±2.4
Chemical Reaction Engineering	8.6	7	9.2	9.6±2.3
Mass Transfer & Separations	8.7	8	9.0	9.7±2.3
Process Control	8.8	4	10.0	10.2±3.4
Computational Tools	8.9	0	---	---
Economics	8.10	4	10.6	10.2±3.5
Process Design	8.10	7	9.2	9.8±2.5

2. Course grades for the last six years are shown below, Table 4-4 (from Self Study).

Course ↓		Chemical Engineering Student Outcome 8								
		Advanced Chemistry	Mater. & Energy Bal.	Thermodynamics	Transport	Reaction Engineering	Separations	Dynamics & Control	Experiment & Compute	Process Design
		8.1	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.10
CH383	Organic Chemistry I	2.53								
CH365	Chem. Eng. Thermo.			3.82						
CH362	Mass & Energy Balances		3.48							
CH363	Separation Processes						3.68			
CH364	Chem. Reaction Eng.					3.54				
CH459	Chem. Eng. Laboratory								3.70	
CH485	Heat and Mass Transfer				3.14					
CH400	Chemical Engineering Sem.									
CH402	Chem. Eng. Process Des.									3.65
MA366	Vector Calculus									
ME301	Thermodynamics			3.46						
ME362	Fluid Mechanics				3.32					
CE300	Fund. Eng. Mech. & Des.									
EE301	Intro. To Elec. Engineering									
CH367	Intr. Auto. Process Control							3.28		
Average Grade 2024		2.53	3.48	3.64	3.23	3.54	3.68	3.28	3.70	3.65
Average Grade 2023		2.64	3.17	3.35	3.21	3.38	3.59	3.51	3.41	3.44
Average Grade 2022		3.15	3.64	3.59	3.47	3.33	3.69	3.42	3.80	3.33
Average Grade 2021		2.78	3.54	3.33	3.23	3.31	3.37	3.35	3.67	3.46
Average Grade 2020		3.06	3.53	3.27	3.20	3.38	3.64	3.36	3.53	3.26
Average Grade 2019		3.14	3.63	3.69	3.39	3.67	3.92	3.51	3.52	3.26
<i>Previous 5-year Running Average (Expected level of attainment)</i>		2.95	3.50	3.45	3.28	3.41	3.64	3.43	3.59	3.35
Standard Deviation 2024		0.76	0.48	0.58	0.52	0.47	0.48	0.67	0.47	0.46

Table 4-2. Faculty Evaluation of Chemical Engineering Student Outcomes

Chemical Engineering Student Outcomes	Faculty Evaluation
On completion of the chemical engineering program, our graduates are able to:	
1. Identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.	4.67 \pm 0.50
2. Apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.	4.44 \pm 0.73
3. Communicate effectively with a range of audiences.	4.56 \pm 0.53
4. Recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.	4.56 \pm 0.73
5. Function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.	4.89 \pm 0.33
6. Develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze, and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.	4.56 \pm 0.53
7. Acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.	4.56 \pm 0.73
8. Understand the chemical engineering curriculum, including chemistry, material and energy balances, safety and environmental factors, thermodynamics of physical and chemical equilibria, heat, mass, and momentum transfer, chemical reaction engineering, continuous and staged separation processes, process dynamics and control, modern experimental and computing techniques, and process design.	4.67 \pm 0.71
5- Excellent; 4 – Very Good; 3 – Acceptable; 2 – Weak ; 1 – Poor	

Table 4-3. Advisory Board Evaluation of Chemical Engineering Student Outcomes

Chemical Engineering Student Outcomes	Advisory Board's Evaluation
On completion of the chemical engineering program, our graduates are able to:	
1. Identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.	n/a
2. Apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.	n/a
3. Communicate effectively with a range of audiences.	n/a
4. Recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.	n/a
5. Function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.	n/a
6. Develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze, and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.	n/a
7. Acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.	n/a
8. Understand the chemical engineering curriculum, including chemistry, material and energy balances, safety and environmental factors, thermodynamics of physical and chemical equilibria, heat, mass, and momentum transfer, chemical reaction engineering, continuous and staged separation processes, process dynamics and control, modern experimental and computing techniques, and process design.	n/a
5- Excellent; 4 – Very Good; 3 – Acceptable; 2 – Weak ; 1 – Poor	

Advisory board scores are not available (n/a) until the next advisory board meeting in April 2025 and will be updated at that time.

Table 4-4. Summary of Chemical Engineering Student Outcomes Performance.

Chemical Engineering Student Outcomes	Program Director's Summary
On completion of the chemical engineering program, our graduates are able to:	
1. Identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics.	5
2. Apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.	5
3. Communicate effectively with a range of audiences.	4
4. Recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.	5
5. Function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.	5
6. Develop and conduct appropriate experimentation, analyze, and interpret data, and use engineering judgment to draw conclusions.	5
7. Acquire and apply new knowledge as needed, using appropriate learning strategies.	5
8. Understand the chemical engineering curriculum, including chemistry, material and energy balances, safety and environmental factors, thermodynamics of physical and chemical equilibria, heat, mass, and momentum transfer, chemical reaction engineering, continuous and staged separation processes, process dynamics and control, modern experimental and computing techniques, and process design.	5
5- Excellent; 4 – Very Good; 3 – Acceptable; 2 – Weak ; 1 – Poor	