



Texas Southern University  
Assessment Plan 2010-2013

Unit Assessment Plan

School of Public Affairs

Masters of Urban Planning & Environmental Policy

## Introduction

### **Texas Southern University's Mission**

Texas Southern University is a comprehensive metropolitan university. Building on its legacy as a historically black institution, the university provides academic and research programs that address critical urban issues and prepare an ethnically diverse student population to become a force for positive change in a global society.

*In order to achieve this mission, Texas Southern University provides:*

- quality instruction in a culture of innovative teaching and learning
- basic and applied research and scholarship that is responsive to community issues
- opportunities for public service that benefit the community and the world.

### **Texas Southern University's Vision**

Texas Southern University will become one of the nation's pre-eminent comprehensive metropolitan universities. We will be recognized by the excellence of our programs, the quality of our instruction, our innovative research, and our desire to be a contributing partner to our community, state, nation, and world.

### ***Accreditation Standards***

Accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS) Commission on Colleges signifies that the institution: (1) has a mission appropriate to higher education, (2) has resources, programs, and services sufficient to accomplish and sustain that mission, and (3) maintains clearly specified educational objectives that are consistent with its mission and appropriate to the degrees it offers, and that indicate whether it is successful in achieving its stated objectives.

*Source: The Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement, 5<sup>th</sup> edition*

## **Goal 1 Assessment Plan 2010-11 to 2012-13**

### **1 Goal Description**

Goal 1:

(MUPEP) Master's in Urban Planning & Environmental Policy Program:

To prepare future urban planning professionals with analytical and policy formulation skills that allow them to address - with vision and foresight urban planning and environmental policy issues.

### **2 SLO Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives**

SLO 1.1: Students will demonstrate knowledge of core planning doctrine and specialization to comfortably resolve planning problems.

### **3 Metric**

Metric 1.1

Student scores on the Master Comprehensive examination.

### **4 Target 2010-11**

Target 1.1

70% of students will take and pass the comprehensive examination the first time.

### **5 Findings 2010-11**

Finding 1.1

9 out of 12 (75%) students took and passed the comprehensive examination the first time.

Target Met

### **6 Action Plan 2010-11**

Action Plan

Based on 2010-11 Findings:

- 1) Enhance the excellence of teaching for all courses, including the core courses covering the topics of comprehensive examination.
- 2) Provide review sessions before the exam.

### **7 Target 2011-12**

Target 1.1

80% of students will take and pass the comprehensive examination the first time.

### **8 Findings 2011-12**

Finding 1.1

8 out of 10 (80%) students took and passed the comprehensive examination

7 of the 8 (87%) passing were first time takers.

Target Met

### **9 Action Plan 2011-12**

Action Plan 2011-12

- 1) Enhance the excellence of teaching for all courses, including the core courses covering the topics of comprehensive examination.
- 2) Provide review sessions before the exam.
- 3) Continue to recruit students in high quality. Admitted 12 new students into the program, 9 of the 12 enrolled; readmitted 1 student
- 4) Offer orientation sessions to new students.

### **10 Target 2012-13**

Target 1.1

90% of students will take and pass the comprehensive examination the first time.

### **11 Findings 2012-13**

Finding 1.1

7 out of 9 (78%) students took and passed the comprehensive examination.

5 of the 7 (71%) passing were first time takers.

Target Not Met

**12 Action Plan 2012-13**

Action Plan

1) Enhance the excellence of teaching for all courses, including the core courses covering the topics of comprehensive examination.

2) Provide review sessions before the exam.

3) Continue to recruit students in high quality. Admitted 5 new students into program, 4 enrolled

4) Offer orientation sessions to new students.

**13 Additional Reference Documents**

UPEP Master's comprehensive exam reports, 2010

## **Goal 2 Assessment Plan 2010-11 to 2012-13**

### **1 Goal Description**

Goal 2:

Construct a creative community of learning, large enough and diverse enough to support our collective enterprise.

### **2 SLO Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives**

SLO 2.1: Enroll a sufficient number of students to create creative and active community of learning.

### **3 Metric**

Metric 2.1

Number of students enrolled.

### **4 Target 2010-11**

Target 2.1

Enroll 10 new students in the academic year.

### **5 Findings 2010-11**

Findings 2.1

10 new students enrolled in the MUPEP program.

Target Met

### **6 Action Plan 2010-11**

Action Plan

Based on 2010-11 Findings:

- 1) Continue to recruit students in high quality.
- 2) Offer orientation sessions to new students.

### **7 Target 2011-12**

Target 2.1

Enroll 11 new students in the academic year.

### **8 Findings 2011-12**

Findings 2.1

Admitted 12 new students into the program, 9 of the 12 enrolled; readmitted 1 student.

Target Not Met

### **9 Action Plan 2011-12**

Action Plan

- 1) Enhance the excellence of teaching for all courses, including the core courses covering the topics of comprehensive examination.
- 2) Provide review sessions before the exam.

- 3) Continue to recruit students in high quality
- 4) Offer orientation sessions to new students.

### **10 Target 2012-13**

Target 2.1

Enroll 12 new students in the academic year.

### **11 Findings 2012-13**

Findings 2.1

Admitted 5 new students into program, 4 enrolled.

Target Not met

### **12 Action Plan 2012-13**

Action Plan

- 1) Continue to recruit students in high quality

2) Offer orientation sessions to new students

**13 Additional Reference Documents**

MUPEP Enrollment Data

