

Philosophy Assessment

PLO 1: Students will engage in the disciplined practice of asking questions about God, the world, and of themselves, including questions for which there may be no easy answers.

Course targeted for assessment: PHL 381

Assessment Year: 2012-2013

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Scoring Rubric

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Number of students assessed: 14

Number of faculty assessors: 2

Student Scores:

	Faculty Assessor 1	Faculty Assessor 2
Excellent	8	9
Proficient	5	3
Basic	1	2
Fail	0	0

Mean Score: 2.5

Program Learning Outcome 3: Students will evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of human reasoning or experience to provide an adequate account of significant issues that relates to our human condition, the world, ethics and Christian life.

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