## Annual Report on Program Student Learning Outcomes Assessment

Program: BA in Astronomy & Physics

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1. List the learning outcomes for the program

Students graduating with a major in Astronomy & Physics should be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate a broad understanding of the principles of astronomy, including planets in the solar system, stars and star formation, the nature of the interstellar medium, galaxies, and cosmology.
- 2. Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the principles of physics, including mechanics, electricity and magnetism, statistical mechanics, quantum mechanics, and mathematical methods of physics.
- 3. Communicate astronomical information effectively, both in writing and verbally, and to a variety of audiences.
- 4. Think critically and evaluate, interpret, and solve problems related to topics in astronomy and physics as well as other technical and general scientific topics.