

2025-26 History Program Outcome 5

Note: 2026-7 will begin the first five-year cycle of the history program at VTSU. For the current report, we have assessed Outcome 5. This table reflects Outcome 5.

Outcome 5 reflects the culminating academic outcomes of the program.

The crosswalk indicates how the program as a whole is scaffolded so as to prepare students for their final thesis.

	Changes made as a result of the merger and opt.		Evidence used <i>(Consider direct and indirect evidence)</i>	Responsible Parties	Assessment Schedule (distributed across a 5-year program review cycle)	Plan for Taking Action to “Close the Loop” through the next cycle
Outcome 5 [Title]	<p><i>Clearer scaffolding through the major with more overt introduction and development of skills related to this outcome, culminating in the capstone sequence, HIS4601 and 4602.</i></p> <p><i>We have been “teaching out” the students from pre-merger programs. From AY 2025-6 we</i></p>		<p>Public thesis Presentations were assessed by faculty at the event, applying a shared rubric closely aligned to Outcome 5.</p> <p>A similar rubric was used for the evaluation of the written theses.</p>	All full-time history faculty, with the collation of data the responsibility of the Coordinator.	Annual assessment of History capstone courses, HIS 4601 and HIS 4602, revising as needed.	<p>Evaluation and possible revision of rubrics in HIS 4601 and HIS 4602.</p> <p>We will develop a shared evaluation strategy for the History thesis papers in HIS 4602.</p>



	<i>will merge HIS 4601 and HIS 4602.</i> <i>Adoption of common rubric for capstone history presentations in HIS 4602. (pilot)</i> <i>Shared Public thesis presentations event</i>		We also revised the previous exit surveys for graduating seniors. (pilot)			Program will use its analysis of assessment results to inform how we teach these classes.
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