

**Program Level Learning Outcome Assessment  
Geography BA**

**PLO 5:** Our students will apply critical thinking to understand complex issues facing people and places. They will compare several perspectives, evaluate evidence and arguments, and use evidence to support their conclusions. They will also think creatively about strategic solutions to both global and local challenges to environmental and social sustainability.

<b>Learning Outcome</b>	<b>Does Not Meet Expectations</b>	<b>Approaches</b>	<b>Reinforces</b>	<b>Masters</b>
1. Comparison of perspectives	Does not know how to compare readings	Can identify different perspectives but can not compare/contrast perspectives.	Basic comprehension of key concepts. Limited ability to integrate ideas. Able to determine the stronger argument.	Excellent comprehension of key readings. Ability to compare and contrast perspectives. Citation of specific examples. Ability to highlight key strengths and weaknesses of arguments.
2. Evaluation of evidence and arguments	Does not know how to evaluate evidence.	Able to evaluate some evidence and arguments but does not integrate multiple lines of evidence underlying an argument.	Basic ability to articulate evidence and determine if evidence supports argument.	Able to critically evaluate evidence and determine if it supports the author's argument.
3. Evidence based conclusions	Does not know how to formulate conclusions.	Does not sufficiently link conclusions to supporting evidence.	Can draw conclusions based on evidence.	Ability to draw a conclusion based on evidence and data. Writing is clear, concise and cites supporting evidence.
4. Development of creative solutions to global and local environmental challenges	Does not know how to develop a creative idea as a solution to an environmental challenge.	Able to articulate creative solution, but does not articulate supporting theory.	Can come up with a creative solution but does not fully articulate supporting evidence and/or acknowledge potential flaws.	Demonstrates imaginative solutions. Describes underlying theory of solution and why it might work. Discusses potential negative aspects.