

Institutional Mission Statement (Excerpt): The mission of The Fort Valley State University is to advance the cause of education with emphasis upon fulfilling commitments that our community members have undertaken collectively. As an institution of the University System of Georgia, Fort Valley State University naturally embraces the principles articulated by the Core Mission Statement for State Universities as approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The University's primary commitments include, among others, enhancement of teacher training programs grounded upon a liberal arts foundation, as reflective of over 110 years of experience and tradition. . .

Program Mission: The mission of the program is to produce academically accomplished students in animal science and product technology, and to expand the number of students pursuing graduate and professional degrees or careers in the field.

Program Objective	Assessment Criteria	Assessment Results	Use of Results
1. Increase enrollment.	1a. Enroll at least twenty (20) students in the fall of 2008.	1a. In the fall of 2007, the program enrolled fourteen (14) students.	1a. To increase enrollment the program has formed a partnership with ABAC. Student who complete ABAC's two-year program are allowed to transfer to the program with advanced standing.
2. Improve student retention.	2a. Retain at lest fifteen (15) students.	2a. In the fall of 2007, thirteen students returned.	2a. To improve retention the program has formed a faculty mentoring program.
3. Increase student graduation rates.	3a. Graduate at least three students in four years or less.	3a. During 2007-2008, three students graduated in four-years or less.	3a. To maintain performance faculty are now reviewing the performance of their advisees at least once each.