

## **Overview of the Process**

### **5 Steps to Improve Your Graduate Program (and also fulfill WASC requirements for PLOs!)**

**PLOs** are  
**Program Learning Outcomes**  
Dedicated to **Improving**  
**Graduate Student Success** and  
the **Educational Experience**

#### **Step 1: Define Learning Goals**

Choose a set of comprehensive priorities for your program to define as your PLOs (i.e. core knowledge, research methods and analysis, pedagogy, scholarly communications, professionalism, independent research).

#### **Step 2: Select One (or Two)**

Identify one or two of the top priority learning goals that you want to improve on in your program. This could be an area of weakness to overcome or an area of strength to build on.

#### **Step 3: Assess Current Status**

Assess the current status of the priority PLO(s) (e.g. methods: interviews or survey, tests, count publications, dropout rates, placement).

#### **Step 4: Strategize and Implement**

Design a strategy for improvement in the selected aspect of your program and implement your plan!

#### **Step 5: Evaluate Success**

Assess the status again as in Step 3 and evaluate whether your improvement strategy has been successful.