The Geoscience graduate program trains professional earth scientists for careers in industry, the governments and academia. Graduate students in this program are about evenly split between MS (22 fall 08) and PhD (23 fall 08) students and this is viewed as optimal by the department, although the TF questioned the rationale for the seemingly high MS enrollment at a research institution. The retrospective median TTD was viewed as too long at 6.7 yr (03-08), although for those who graduated from the 1996-01 entering cohort, the median TTD was shorter at 5.6 yr. Plans are in place to address the TTD by an annual meeting to assess student progress. It was not clear to the Task Force how this would be implemented and/or enforced. The % completion of 56% is just above the UI average of 55% and could be further improved. Not many students are supported as RAs. The faculty are working to increase external funding which would provide additional RA positions for graduate students. Placement is split between college/university teaching (with 40% in TT positions) and government/industry. It should be noted that the Paleontology subgroup is ranked very highly (#8 nationally). The program is poised to contribute to resurgence in interest in Environmental Science and Sustainability.