

Assessment Plan -- Program Level

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Program Mission Statement: A Bachelor of Arts in Sociology is intended to help students develop and apply the “sociological imagination” and to understand and conduct empirical and theoretical analysis of the social world. The program provides students with a strong foundation in the liberal arts to ensure that students develop skills leading to successful careers and to promote active citizenship. In addition to the possibility of pursuing advanced graduate work in sociology or related fields, graduates are prepared for employment in international development agencies, government, non-governmental organizations or the private sector in social and community services or research positions.

Program Outcomes	Is this a student learning outcome? (2-8 max)	Learning Opportunities	Assessment Methods/Measures	Target Levels/ Benchmarks	When Will Assessment Be Conducted and Reviewed?	How Will Results Be Used and Communicated?
Communicate basic sociological theories, concepts and analytical methods using appropriate written and oral conventions and presenting arguments and evidence clearly and concisely.	Yes	SOC 199, 201, 240, 299, 309, 310, 332, 340, 381, 495	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Course-based assessment (depending on the course could include research papers and other writing assignments, class presentations, projects and examinations). Senior sociology major exit survey (indirect) Alumni survey (indirect) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 70% of students achieve a passing result (C) or above on assessed assignments At least 80% of senior sociology majors feel confident that this learning outcome was achieved 75% of alumni indicate that they are confident of their ability to communicate basic sociological concepts and present arguments and evidence clearly and concisely. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Every year Every year in SOC 495 Every two years 	All assessment results will be reviewed at least once a year in special meetings of the sociology undergraduate program. Results will be used to make improvements to the program’s curriculum when needed. Aggregate results will be included in the annual assessment report.
Demonstrate the ability to discuss, evaluate and apply social science research methodology and methods in order to become knowledgeable practitioners, consumers, and evaluators of social science data and research.	Yes	SOC 204, 323, 340, 381, 495	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Course-based assessment (depending on the course could include designing a research project and writing a research paper, demonstrating the ability to describe and use appropriate statistical techniques to do data analysis through writing assignments and examinations, applying participatory action research in community based learning project, and developing the ability to conduct qualitative research). Senior sociology major exit 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 70% of students achieve a passing result (C) or above on assessed assignments At least 80% of senior sociology majors are confident that this learning outcome was achieved 75% of alumni indicate that they are confident of their ability to discuss, evaluate and apply social science research methodology and methods and have become knowledgeable practitioners, consumers, and evaluators of social science data and research. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Every year Every year in SOC 495 Every two years 	

			<p>survey (indirect)</p> <p>3. Alumni survey (indirect)</p>		
<p>Demonstrate the ability to describe, interpret, evaluate and apply sociological theories in order to explain and analyze social interactions, social change and larger societal structures and processes.</p>	Yes	SOC 307, 309, 310, 450, 495	<p>1. Course-based assessment (depending on the course could include research papers and other writing assignments, class presentations, projects and examinations).</p> <p>2. Senior sociology major exit survey (indirect)</p> <p>3. Alumni survey (indirect)</p>	<p>1. 70% of students achieve a passing result (C) or above on assessed assignments</p> <p>2. At least 80% of senior sociology majors are confident that this learning outcome was achieved</p> <p>3. 75% of alumni indicate that they are confident of their ability to describe, interpret, evaluate and apply sociological theories in order to explain and analyze social interactions and larger societal structures and processes.</p>	<p>1. Every year</p> <p>2. Every year in SOC 495</p> <p>3. Every two years</p>
<p>Demonstrate an understanding of diversity and inequalities within and between societies; the implications and consequences of diversity and inequalities for societal social structures, social interactions, development, policy, social change, social problems, social justice social mobility and opportunity.</p>	Yes	SOC 240, 303, 307, 309, 310, 332, 340, 381, 435, 440, 441, 450, 495	<p>1. Course-based assessment (depending on the course could include research papers and other writing assignments, class presentations, examinations, and projects including those that incorporate community based learning).</p> <p>2. Senior sociology major exit survey (indirect)</p> <p>3. Alumni survey (indirect)</p>	<p>1. 70% of students achieve a passing result (C) or above on assessed assignments</p> <p>2. At least 80% of senior sociology majors are confident that this learning outcome was achieved</p> <p>3. 75% of alumni indicate that they are confident of their ability to demonstrate an understanding of diversity and inequalities within and between societies and the implications and consequences of diversity and inequalities for societal social structures, social interactions, development, policy, social change, social problems, social justice social mobility and opportunity.</p>	<p>1. Every year</p> <p>2. Every year in SOC 495</p> <p>3. Every two years</p>
<p>Think critically, creatively and independently.</p>	Yes	SOC 240, 303, 307, 309, 310, 332, 340, 381, 435, 440, 441, 450, 495	<p>1. Course-based assessment (depending on the course could include research papers and other writing assignments, class presentations, examinations, and projects including those that incorporate community based learning).</p> <p>2. Senior sociology major exit survey (indirect)</p> <p>3. Alumni survey (indirect)</p>	<p>1. 70% of students achieve a passing result (C) or above on assessed assignments</p> <p>2. At least 80% of senior sociology majors are confident that this learning outcome was achieved</p> <p>3. 75% of alumni indicate that they are confident of their ability to think critically, creatively and independently.</p>	<p>1. Every year</p> <p>2. Every year in SOC 495</p> <p>3. Every two years</p>