Degree Program Assessment Plan

Degree Program - AS - Sociology (BA)

Disciplinary Accrediting Body: Not Applicable
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Program Purpose Statement: The sociology program includes most of the major substantive areas of the discipline, ranging from interpersonal relations in families and elsewhere to the growth of cities and complex organizations to international relations. The department also offers a criminology concentration for sociology majors who wish to specialize in this area. Areas of faculty expertise include criminology and delinquency, marriage and the family, minority relations, gender, gerontology, social psychology, international development, medical sociology, sociology of religion, social research methods, and social theory. A major or minor in sociology is beneficial to students planning careers in a variety of areas, including business, law and law enforcement, international development, medicine, and social work. Courses in sociology fulfill Core Curriculum requirements in the social and behavioral sciences in Arts and Sciences and the university.

Assessment Coordinator: Brett Houk

Student Learning Outcome: AY2016-17 Outcome: Research Design and Methods
Understand and demonstrate ability to implement social research methods.

Outcome Status: Active
Outcome Type: Student Learning
Start Date: 08/29/2016
End Date: 08/11/2017

Assessment Methods

Course Level Assessment - Students are asked to design a research proposal from start to finish. The completion will be done across four assignments that culminate in a total proposal. They will need to demonstrate competence in research design and data collection in order to successfully complete the project. (Active)

Criterion: SOC 3392-Introduction to Social Research Methods is taught each semester and is required for sociology majors. Across the academic year, the students from both courses will average 80% or higher on the research design.
Schedule: Each semester
Related Documents:
SOC 3392-Final paper rubric.docx

Course Level Assessment - Students are expected to grasp the concepts and operation of the scientific method in social science research. This information will be presented over the course of the semester. Students' understanding of the material will be gauged via three or four exams per semester. (Active)
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**Schedule:** Each semester

### Student Learning Outcome: AY2016-17 Outcome: Understanding Contemporary Social Life

Students will have an understanding of how contemporary sociological perspectives can be used to increase our knowledge of human behavior in various social and institutional settings.

**Outcome Status:** Active

**Outcome Type:** Student Learning

**Start Date:** 08/29/2016

**End Date:** 08/11/2017

**Assessment Methods**

**Course Level Assessment** - Students will demonstrate the application of contemporary social theory to a social problem or issue today in a final theoretical portfolio. This will 1) measure their ability to not only master the material, but also demonstrate their ability to identify social constructs, concepts, and apply them to modern and post-modern society, and 2) demonstrate a theoretical specialization by the student. (Active)

**Criterion:** 80% will of students will score 80 points or higher on the final portfolio document.

**Schedule:** SOC 394-Contemporary Sociological Theories is required for sociology majors. It is offered at least once per academic year. Most years, it is offered twice, depending on student need.

**Related Documents:**
SOC 3394-Final paper rubric.pdf

**Course Level Assessment** - Students will apply two chosen contemporary theories to media and popular culture in a written analysis. Concepts of the chosen theories will be employed to interpret and analyze a film’s plot and interactions of characters.

(Active)

**Criterion:** 80% will of students will score 80 points or higher on the written analysis.

**Schedule:** SOC 3394-Contemporary Sociological Theories is required for sociology majors. It is offered at least once per academic year. Most years, it is offered twice, depending on student need.

**Related Documents:**
SOC 3394-Film analysis rubric.pdf

### Student Learning Outcome: AY2016-17 Outcome: Understanding and applying Classical Sociological Theory

Students will demonstrate the application of classical social theory to a social problem or issue today. This will measure their ability to not only master the material, but also show that it can still be applicable in modern life.

**Outcome Status:** Active

**Outcome Type:** Student Learning

**Start Date:** 08/29/2016

**End Date:** 08/11/2017

**Assessment Methods**

**Course Level Assessment** - Students will write a theoretical portfolio of 3000 or greater words that analyzes (note: not just
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<th>80% of students will score a B or better on the rubric, Section A.</th>
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<td>SOC 3393-Development of Sociological Theory is a required course for sociology majors and is offered one semester per academic year.</td>
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| Course Level Assessment - Students will choose and explain an appropriate, contemporary social situation that fits their chosen sociological theory. This will measure their ability to not only master the theoretical material, but also show that it can still be applicable in modern life. This will constitute Section B of the final paper. (Active) |
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| Criterion       | 80% of students will score a B or better on the rubric, Section B. |
| Schedule        | SOC 3393-Development of Sociological Theory is a required course for sociology majors and is offered one semester per academic year. |