

Degree Program Assessment Plan

Name of Department Social Sciences

Name of Degree Program Sociology

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Dean's Approval _____
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List of learning outcomes to be assessed and the methods of assessment to be used for each. Also establish a timetable for conducting was assessment for the next 6 years.

(Each program must identify a minimum of three student learning objectives that it is committing to assess on an ongoing basis. Assessments of learning objectives may be scheduled at intervals of up to three years, but departments must complete at least one formal assessment of one program learning objective each year.)

| Learning Outcome | Methods of Assessment | Direct or Indirect | Time-Table 2006 - 2012 |
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| 1. Majors will have knowledge of scientific method | <p>Writing Rubric-Research Methods course Faculty members anonymously score writing research method samples using rubric. Used to directly measure knowledge of the scientific method in writing and conceptual abilities of students in upper division writing intensive section.</p> | Direct | Every other year |
| | <p>Exit Survey-All graduating majors Survey of majors' perceptions of improved knowledge and understanding in subject area.</p> | Indirect | Every other year |
| | <p>Exit Exam-All graduating majors A capstone exam given to all graduating majors to directly measure knowledge in all learning outcome areas.</p> | Direct | Every other year |

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| <p>2. Majors will be able to apply scientific method to sociological issues</p> | <p>Writing Rubric-Research Methods course Faculty members anonymously score writing research method samples using rubric. Used to directly measure knowledge of the scientific method in writing and conceptual abilities of students in upper division writing intensive section.</p> <p>Exit Exam-All graduating majors A capstone exam given to all graduating majors to directly measure knowledge in all learning outcome areas.</p> | <p>Direct</p> <p>Direct</p> | <p>Every other year</p> <p>Every other year</p> |
| <p>3. Majors will have knowledge of theoretical paradigms extant in the social services</p> | <p>Exit Survey-All graduating majors Survey of majors' perceptions of improved knowledge and understanding in subject area.</p> <p>Writing Rubric-Theory course Faculty members anonymously score writing theory samples using rubric. Used to directly measure theoretical knowledge, writing and conceptual abilities of students in upper division writing intensive section.</p> <p>Exit Exam-All graduating majors A capstone exam given to all graduating majors to directly measure knowledge in all learning outcome areas.</p> | <p>Indirect</p> <p>Direct</p> <p>Direct</p> | <p>Every other year</p> <p>Every other year</p> <p>Every other year</p> |
| <p>4. Majors will have knowledge of key concepts in sociology</p> | <p>Exit Survey-All graduating majors Survey of majors' perceptions of improved knowledge and understanding in subject area.</p> <p>Writing Rubric-Theory course Faculty members anonymously score writing theory samples using rubric. Used to directly measure theoretical knowledge, writing and conceptual abilities of students in upper division writing intensive section.</p> <p>Exit Exam-All graduating majors A capstone exam given to all graduating majors to directly measure knowledge in all learning outcome areas.</p> | <p>Indirect</p> <p>Direct</p> <p>Direct</p> | <p>Every other year</p> <p>Every other year</p> <p>Every other year</p> |

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| 5. Majors will have knowledge of substantive finding in subfields of sociology | <p>Exit Survey-All graduating majors Survey of majors' perceptions of improved knowledge and understanding in subject area.</p> | Indirect | Every other year |
| | <p>Writing Rubric-Theory course Faculty members anonymously score writing theory samples using rubric. Used to directly measure theoretical knowledge, writing and conceptual abilities of students in upper division writing intensive section.</p> | Direct | Every other year |
| | <p>Exit Exam-All graduating majors A capstone exam given to all graduating majors to directly measure knowledge in all learning outcome areas.</p> | Direct | Every other year |