Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives, with Any Associations and Related Measures, Targets, Findings, and Action Plans

SLO 1: Theoretical and methodological paradigms in sociology
Students will learn basic theoretical and methodological paradigms in sociology and how to apply them in various substantive areas of the discipline.

Related Measures

M 1: Exit exams
Exit exams in sociological theory and research methods. Examination of retention and graduation rates.
Source of Evidence: Academic indirect indicator of learning - other
Target: Ninety percent of majors will pass exit exams in theory and methods.

M 6: Exit survey
Exit survey of graduates
Source of Evidence: Exit interviews with grads/program completers

Connected Documents
exit survey data, 2014
exit survey report, 2014

Target:
Survey questions developed to assess extent experience as sociology major provided broad familiarity with history and main schools of thought in discipline, learned skills necessary to design and carry out sociological research, provided strong foundation in sociological theory and research methods, improved critical thinking skills, research skills, statistical skills, and writing skills.

SLO 2: Community and social service activities
Students will learn concrete skills related to community and social service activities

Related Measures

M 2: Internship program
Proportion of majors that participate in department internship program and satisfactory performance on written essays that summarize field experience. In addition, satisfactory report from internship supervisor regarding performance of intern.
Source of Evidence: Field work, internship, or teaching evaluation
Target: Twenty percent of majors will participate in department internship program.

M 6: Exit survey
Exit survey of graduates
Source of Evidence: Exit interviews with grads/program completers

Connected Documents
exit survey data, 2014
exit survey report, 2014

Target:
Exit survey poses questions to sociology graduates about engagement with relevant topics and events, concern for social justice, skills that have real world applications.

SLO 3: Design and execute
Students will learn how to design and execute independent sociological research projects.

Related Measures

M 3: Exit exam
Completion of required methods course and demonstrating proficiency in research design, data collection, and analysis through performance on exit exam in methods. Proportion of majors that enroll in directed research, independent field research, or collaborate with faculty on research.
Source of Evidence: Academic indirect indicator of learning - other
Connected Document
exit survey data, 2014

Target:
Ten percent of majors will be involved in research projects, either with faculty or through enrollment in independent studies.

M 6: Exit survey
Exit survey of graduates
Source of Evidence: Exit interviews with grads/program completers
SLO 4: Critically evaluate and analyze
Students will learn how to critically evaluate and analyze scholarly and policy oriented research reports

Related Measures

M 4: Review of scholarly literature
Evaluation of written assignments in substantive courses that require critical review of scholarly literature.

Source of Evidence: Academic indirect indicator of learning - other

Target:
Higher median grades of sociology majors in substantive courses.

M 6: Exit survey
Exit survey of graduates

Source of Evidence: Exit interviews with grads/program completers

Related Measures

M 5: Theoretical, methodological, and substantive knowledge
Undergraduate courses will emphasize theoretical, methodological, and substantive knowledge necessary to successfully participate in graduate programs. Department will post announcements and actively mentor students about graduate programs and sources of financial aid. Alumni survey will ask about application and acceptance to graduate and professional programs.

Source of Evidence: Academic indirect indicator of learning - other

Target:
Half of all students that apply will be accepted into graduate programs

M 6: Exit survey
Exit survey of graduates

Source of Evidence: Exit interviews with grads/program completers

Target:
Sociology exit exam asks graduates if they have applied to a graduate program and if they have been accepted to a graduate program.