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 the basic theoretical and methodological paradigms in sociology and how they are applied in various substantive areas of the discipline.

Related Measures

M 1: Exit exams
Exit exams in sociological theory and research methods.
Source of Evidence: Academic indirect indicator of learning - other
Target:
Eighty-five percent of majors demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking skills and research design, data collection, and analysis on exit exams in theory and methods.

SLO 2: Design and execute
Students will learn essential components of research design, data collection, and data analysis necessary to conduct their own sociological research projects.

Related Measures

M 2: Research project
Research project graded by rubric.
Source of Evidence: Academic indirect indicator of learning - other
Target:
Ten percent of majors will be involved in research projects, either with faculty or through enrollment in independent studies.

SLO 3: Critically evaluate and analyze
Students will learn how to critically evaluate and analyze scholarly research reports

Related Measures

M 3: Review of scholarly literature
Evaluate written assignments in Urban Community and Social Change courses using checklist. Require critical review of scholarly literature to assess understanding of scholarly arguments and counter-arguments with emphasis on ability to link ideas to outcomes of scholarly research.
Source of Evidence: Academic indirect indicator of learning - other
Target:
Higher median grades of sociology majors in substantive courses.