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

SLO 1: Advanced knowledge and analytical skills
Students will demonstrate advanced knowledge and analytical skills in core theoretical and methodological paradigms and within at least one substantive area of specialization.

Related Measures

M 1: Thesis proposal
Either secure approval from faculty committee of an MA thesis or pass juried review of MA thesis proposal submitted in capstone course (sociology 6785) to demonstrate ability to effectively and insightfully develop a clear thesis statement, develop clear approach or claims for the thesis, and assess the clarity of linkage between theory and data. Use rubric.

Source of Evidence: Senior thesis or culminating major project

Target:
One hundred percent of MA graduates and fifty percent of all students that begin the program.

SLO 2: Sociological knowledge
Students are able to employ a range of techniques and methods used to gain sociological knowledge.

Related Measures

M 2: Research design course
Students demonstrate through application of rubric designed to evaluate MA thesis or capstone research proposal for satisfactory knowledge of framing research questions, performing literature review and writing theoretical analysis, and designing research methods for an independent research project.

Source of Evidence: Academic direct measure of learning - other

Target:
Ninety percent of MA students will demonstrate competence in research design, data collection, and data analysis through rubric developed in graduate methods and research design courses.

SLO 3: Basic and applied sociological research
Graduates will be critical readers of both basic and applied sociological research.

Related Measures

M 3: MA thesis or capstone project approval
Evaluation on five point scale by faculty committee of MA thesis OR evaluation on three point scale of MA thesis proposal submitted in capstone research design course based on rubric to measure satisfactory statement of problem of research, framing of research questions, review of appropriate scholarly literature, and methods of research.

Source of Evidence: Senior thesis or culminating major project

Target:
One hundred percent of MA graduates and fifty percent of all students that begin the program.