

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PLAN & FINDINGS
2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR**

2011 – 2012 CURRICULUM MAP

	PLO 1 Demonstrate a knowledge of basic sociological concepts.	PLO 2 Apply major sociological theoretical perspectives.	PLO 3 Explain the methodologies of collecting and assessing data that the discipline of sociology offers.	PLO 4 Assess the quality of sociological research by applying the standards of the discipline.	PLO 5 Analyze critically major sociological issues.	PLO 6 Demonstrate an appreciation for cultural and social diversity.
<i>SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology</i>	I	I	I	I	I	
<i>SOC 203: Social Problems</i>	R					I
<i>PSY 325: Statistics for the Behavioral and Social Sciences</i>			R			
<i>PSY 326: Research Methods</i>			R			
<i>SOC 304: Social Gerontology</i>			R	R	R	
<i>SOC 305: Crime and Society</i>	R					
<i>SOC 308: Racial and Ethnic Groups</i>	R	R		R	R	R
<i>SOC 312: Child, Family, and Society</i>	R			R	R	R
<i>SOC 315: Cross-Cultural Perspectives</i>	R			R	R	R
<i>SOC 320: Public Policy and Social Services</i>				R		R
<i>SOC 331: Social Justice and Ethics</i>				R		
<i>SOC 490: Social Science Capstone</i>	M	M	M	M	M	M

I (Introduced), R (Reinforced), or M (Mastered).

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PLAN FINDINGS					
PLO 1 - Demonstrate a knowledge of basic sociological concepts.					
MEASURE	ACCEPTABLE TARGET	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENT RECORDS MEETING ACCEPTABLE TARGET	TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENT RECORDS OBSERVED	ASSESSMENT RESULTS: PERCENTAGE OF STUDENT RECORDS MEETING ACCEPTABLE TARGET	ASSESSMENT RESULTS: 1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET 2. MEETS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET 3. DOES NOT MEET THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET 4. INSUFFICIENT DATA
Direct Measure 1: SOC 203 Final Research Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	430	462	93.07%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET

Direct Measure 2: SOC 305 Final Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	953	1049	90.84%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET

PLO 2 - Apply major sociological theoretical perspectives.

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Direct Measure 1: SOC 101 Research Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	875	997	87.76%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET
Direct Measure 2: SOC 490 Capstone Research Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	2075	2134	91.89%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET
PLO 3 - Explain the methodologies of collecting and assessing data that the discipline of sociology offers.					
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					4. INSUFFICIENT DATA
Direct Measure 1: PSY 325 Research Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	338	387	88.33%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET
Direct Measure 2: PSY 326 Research Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	796	914	87.08%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET
PLO 4 - Assess the quality of sociological research by applying the standards of the discipline.					
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PLO 5 - Analyze critically major sociological issues.					
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					4. INSUFFICIENT DATA
Direct Measure 1: SOC 304 Final Research Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	446	480	92.91%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET
Direct Measure 2: SOC 331 Research Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	365	384	95.05%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET

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Direct Measure 1: SOC 312 Final Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	1831	1912	95.76%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET
Direct Measure 2: SOC 320 Final Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	542	561	96.61%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET
PLO 6 - Demonstrate an appreciation for cultural and social diversity.					

				ACCEPTABLE TARGET	2. MEETS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET 3. DOES NOT MEET THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET 4. INSUFFICIENT DATA
Direct Measure 1: SOC 308 Final Research Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	517	561	92.15%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET
Direct Measure 2: SOC 315 Research Paper	80% of students must receive a basic, proficient, or distinguished evaluation on relevant content criteria mapped to this PLO.	246	279	88.17%	1. EXCEEDS THE ACCEPTABLE TARGET

OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

Across program learning outcomes (PLOs), BA Sociology students exceeded most of the acceptable targets for the 2011-12 assessment measures. In comparing the 2010-2011 BA Sociology targets to the 2011-2012 BA Sociology targets, the findings indicate that all of the 2011-2012 BA Sociology results have moved towards the Acceptable Target benchmarks.

5 out of the 6 End of Course Survey measures for the BA Sociology 2011-2012 assessment cycle resulted in 85% or more BA Sociology students felt the assignments contributed to their understanding of the course and they felt the instructor was knowledgeable in the topics of the course by indicating agreed or strongly agreed. All measures for the BA Sociology 2011-2012 assessment cycle exceeded the set acceptable targets and are approaching the ideal targets.

It is recommended that College of Liberal Arts Faculty review the assessment plans (including measures used and targets set) in preparation for the 2012-13 assessment cycle. In particular, Faculty may want to review targets set for assignments in the courses using Waypoint discussion posts, and all survey measures to ensure that these targets remain appropriate and meaningful. 3.5 Develop indirect measures to assess mastery of program learning outcomes.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PLAN ACTION ITEM STATUS REPORT				
OUTCOME	MEASURE	KEY/RESPONSIBLE PERSONNEL	STATUS	ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION
1	Faculty Forum	Program Chair	Complete	May 2013
<i>Action Details</i>	Host a Faculty forum, for actively teaching Sociology faculty actively teaching. The discussion will formally discuss grading practices; by working collaboratively and discussing grading practices, we will gain a more reliable assessment of whether students are fully demonstrating the knowledge required by PLO 1.			