

MA Assessment Plan – Department of Sociology and Social Services

1) Identify 3-5 Student Learning Outcomes

- To be able to write an original sociological analysis.
- To understand the role of theory in sociology and how to apply key concepts in social analysis.
- To be able to employ quantitative and qualitative research methods in sociology.

2) Identify the methods for assessing each of the outcomes.

We will evaluate a random sample of papers produced by students in their first quarter of our program and compare them to papers produced upon graduation from the program.

3) Identify the entry level course where the first assessment of the SLOs will take place.

The first assessment will be of student papers by entering students in our fall Topics Seminar (SOC 6800).

4) Identify the exit level course where SLOs will be assessed.

The exit level courses where SLOs will be assessed include SOC 6899, SOC 6909, and 6910. We will also keep all comprehensive exams and compare quality on three outcomes by year.