



**College of Sciences
Academic Learning Compacts**

Sociology - B.A.

Discipline Specific Knowledge, Skills, Behavior and Values

- 1. GENERAL SOCIOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE:** Sociology majors will have a sound understanding of important sociological concepts. In order to measure this outcome we use data from the department's Exit Exam, a multiple choice exam administered via web courses that all students complete the semester they graduate.
- 2. SOCIAL THEORY:** Sociology majors who complete Social Theory (SYA 3110) will be able to critically analyze the contributions and importance of sociological theory and be able to apply sociological theory to one area of social life.
- 3. APPLIED SOCIAL STATISTICS:** Sociology majors who complete Applied Social Statistics (SYA 3400C) will be able to correctly perform and interpret statistical analysis.
- 4. RESEARCH METHODS I:** Sociology majors who complete Research Methods (SYA 4300C) will understand the importance of research ethics and have a sound understanding of major sociological research methods.
- 5. RESEARCH METHODS II:** Sociology majors who complete Research Methods (SYA 4300C) will be able to critically evaluate sociological research methods and understand the contributions of existing sociological research.
- 6. DATA ANALYSIS:** Sociology majors who complete Data Analysis (SYA 4450) will be able to correctly perform and interpret statistical analysis using SPSS.
- 7. COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** Sociology majors will be able to communicate effectively using written word and presentational tools (e.g., PowerPoint, poster presentations).
- 8. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** The sociology department recognizes the importance of professional development. As such, all sociology majors will be provided with opportunities to participate in internships and independent research projects.

Critical Thinking

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Assessment of Sociology - B.A. Outcomes

These outcomes will be assessed using a variety of assessment methods, including:

- Tests
- Research projects
- Papers

- **Oral and written presentations**