

ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR

Master of Arts in Sociology (MA) (Thesis and Non-Thesis)
Instructional Degree Program

Spring 2003
Assessment Period Covered

July 1, 2003
Date Submitted

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose Linkage:

Institutional Mission Reference:

Texas A&M International University, a Member of The Texas A&M University System, is committed to the preparation of students for leadership roles in their chosen profession and in increasingly complex, culturally diverse state, national, and global society ... Through instruction, faculty and student research, and public service, Texas A&M International University is a strategic point of delivery for well-defined programs and services that improve the quality of life for citizens of the border region, the State of Texas, and national and international communities.

College/University Goal(s) Supported:

To increase "(1) students' ability to communicate the use of the written and spoken word; (2) their knowledge and appreciation of culture, social integration; and (3) self realization. The College [COAH] also prepares students for professions and roles by providing a broad-based liberal arts education.

Intended Educational (Student) Outcomes:

- 1.** Students completing the program will demonstrate their advanced knowledge of the core ideas of the field sociology.
- 2.** Students completing the program will be able to secure employment.
- 3.** Students will be satisfied with the curriculum and instruction of the sociology program.

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1. Students completing the program will demonstrate their advanced knowledge of the core ideas of the field sociology.

First Means of Assessment for Outcome Identified Above:

1a. Means of Program Assessment & Criteria for Success:

Students will take an essay exam to document knowledge of key concepts of the core of ideas in the field of sociology. We expect an average passing rate of 80%. The exam will be graded by all faculty using a rubric of competency.

1a. Summary of Assessment Data Collected:

No graduates for majors. Should we consider minors in assessment?

1a. Use of Results to Improve Instructional Program:

We need to assure that we are all using the rubric in our classes so that student's are familiar with expectations and will perform to the best of their ability when taking the exam.

Second Means of Assessment for Outcome Identified Above:

1b. Means of Program Assessment & Criteria for Success:

To be developed.

1b. Summary of Assessment Data Collected:

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1b. Use of Results to Improve Instructional Program:

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2. Students completing the program will be able to secure employment.

First Means of Assessment for Outcome Identified Above:

2a. Means of Program Assessment & Criteria for Success:

Every Fall and Spring Semester, graduated students will be contacted (for three years after graduation) by mail to determine if they have secured employment. A survey will be used to document employment.

2a. Summary of Assessment Data Collected:

No graduates, but we identified 4 graduates from the previous year. MA (1/4 grads) – Employed before graduating. Degree considered very relevant.

2a. Use of Results to Improve Instructional Program:

We will use these graduates to help us create an advisory board for curriculum development.

Second Means of Assessment for Outcome Identified Above:

2b. Means of Program Assessment & Criteria for Success:

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2b. Summary of Assessment Data Collected:

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2b. Use of Results to Improve Instructional Program:

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3. Students will be satisfied with the curriculum and instruction of the sociology program.

First Means of Assessment for Outcome Identified Above:

3a. Means of Program Assessment & Criteria for Success:

Students will complete a satisfaction of program survey. We expect to express an overall satisfaction level of 80%.

3a. Summary of Assessment Data Collected:

No graduates.

3a. Use of Results to Improve Instructional Program:

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Second Means of Assessment for Outcome Identified Above:

3b. Means of Program Assessment & Criteria for Success:

To be developed.

3b. Summary of Assessment Data Collected:

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3b. Use of Results to Improve Instructional Program:

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SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

SOURCE	LOCATION/Special Instructions
Essay Exam	
rubric (need proper name)	
survey (need proper name)	
Satisfaction of Program Survey	