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AA Sociology

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Behavioral Sciences, Education, and Humanities Assessment of Degrees and Certificates

#1	<p>AA Sociology Degree Student Learning Outcome</p> <p>Students will have a general understanding of sociology's major theories and will understand the philosophical origins and practical applications theories. They will be able to identify theories, define them, and use them to gain insight into social issues.</p>
	<p>Courses in the degree plan that address this outcome</p> <p>SOCI 1301</p>
	<p>Assessment Measure for this Outcome</p> <p>Students will critique a film which students apply sociological concepts including theories.</p>
	<p>Achievement Target for this Measure</p> <p>70% or better of a passing grade of C or better.</p>
	<p>Findings</p> <p>Out of 51 students, 30 received a 70% or better. Fifteen students did not attempt the assignment and received zeros. Seven received below a 70. Please note that students do not have to complete all essays assigned</p>
	<p>Related Action Plans</p> <p>The instructor will give a guided quiz to better prepare them for this assignment. The quiz will be reviewed and discussed in class before they complete the assignment students.</p>
#2	<p>AA Sociology Degree Student Learning Outcome</p> <p>Students will understand the relationship between sociological thought and problem solving. They will understand how sociological analysis provides deeper understanding of social phenomena.</p>
	<p>Courses in the degree plan that address this outcome</p> <p>SOCI 1301</p>
	<p>Assessment Measure for this Outcome</p> <p>Students will complete a written assignment that reflects on the influences of social forces on personal decision-making using the sociological imagination.</p>



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	Achievement Target for this Measure 70% or more students will achieve a C or better on this assignment
	Findings Out of 51 students 50 or 98% received a 70% or better
	Related Action Plans  We will continue to implement this paper into the curriculum as it is a valid measurement and had excellent results. We will create a rubric as a scoring guide for this paper.
#3	AA Sociology Degree Student Learning Outcome  Students will have a general understanding of the various sociological concepts and how these are applied in the real world. (lecture class only)
	Courses in the degree plan that address this outcome SOCI 1301
	Students will complete a service learning project of 10 hours in a non-profit setting where they must define and apply sociological theories and concepts to their experience.
	Achievement Target for this Measure 70 % of students will achieve a C or better on this quiz
	Findings  Out of 28 students, 27 or 96 % received a 70 or better. One chose to complete the take-home midterm and final.
	Related Action Plans  We will continue to implement this paper into the curriculum as it is a valid measurement and had excellent results A grading rubric is used.