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**AA Sociology**

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

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| #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 analyzed sociological concepts including a number of 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 25 students, 15 received a 70% or better. Five students did not attempt the assignment and received zeros. The rest received below a 70.</p>   |
|    | <p>Related Action Plans</p> <p>Instead of basing data on just one of the film critiques, we will analyze the data based on the four critiques that are due. Create a rubric to assess these film critiques.</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 on social forces and sociological imagination.</p>   |



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|    | Achievement Target for this Measure<br>70% or more students will achieve a C or better on this assignment  |
|    | Findings<br>Out of 25 students 21 or 84% received a 70% or better  |
|    | Related Action Plans<br><br>We will continue to implement this paper into the curriculum as it is a valid measurement and had good results. We will create a rubric as a scoring guide for this paper.   |
| #3 | AA Sociology Degree Student Learning Outcome<br><br>Students will have a general understanding of the various sociological research methodologies and how these combine with relevant theories to produce social scientific understanding of cause and effect. |
|    | Courses in the degree plan that address this outcome<br>SOCI 1301  |
|    | Assessment Measure for this Outcome<br>Students will take a quiz pertaining to this subject matter.  |
|    | Achievement Target for this Measure<br>70 % of students will achieve a C or better on this quiz  |
|    | Findings<br><br>Out of 25 students, 16 or 64 % received a 70 or better   |
|    | Related Action Plans<br><br>We have removed quizzes from the curriculum and turned the assignments into short reflection papers pertaining to the topic. A grading rubric is used.   |