

Texas Southern University
Assessment Narrative
Academic Year 2007-08 thru 2009-10

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Program: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

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The mission of the Department of Sociology at Texas Southern University is to become a nationally recognized leader in the sociological training of students who will enter graduate/professional school or career oriented professions. Students are trained with a special emphasis on sociological theory, methodology and in the substantive areas of social inequality and urban sociology.

Goal 1

To produce students who are able to utilize classical and contemporary theories of sociology to explain social phenomena that occur in urban settings. The objective is for students to demonstrate their ability to apply their knowledge of sociological theory to contemporary issues.

Outcome 1.1 – Students will demonstrate an ability to apply knowledge of sociological theories to contemporary issues

The success of this outcome will be measured by student scores on the Modern Social Theory SOC 457 assessment. The target is for at least 80 percent of the students to score 70 or higher on the assessment.

Findings (2007-2010)

In 2007-2008, 56% of 16 students scored 70 or higher. In 2008-2009, 100% of 19 students scored 70 or higher. In 2009-2010, 73% of 22 students scored 70 or higher.

Action Plan Summary – 2007-2010

- Reviewed curriculum to ensure reflective of program goals.
- Reviewed assessment instruments to ensure adequately covered program content.

Goal 2

To provide students with research skills that can be applied in urban settings to interpret and analyze social realities.

Outcome 1.2 – Students will demonstrate the capacity to utilize research methods in urban settings to analyze and interpret social realities

The metric for success is student scores on the Research SOC 359 assessment. The target is for at least 80% of the students to score 70 or higher on the SOC 359 assessment.

Findings (2007-2010)

In 2007-2008, 86% of 102 students scored 70 or higher. In 2008-2009, 92% of 77 students scored 70 or higher. In 2009-2010, 82% of 94 students scored 70 or higher.

Action Plan Summary – 2007-2010

- Reviewed curriculum to ensure reflective of program goals.
- Reviewed assessment instruments to ensure adequately covered program content.

Goal 3

To introduce students to various types of statistical procedures utilized by sociologists.

Outcome 3.1 – Students will demonstrate knowledge of the appropriate use of statistics and statistical procedures

The success of this outcome will be measured by student scores on the SOC 354 assessment. The target is for at least 80% of the students to score 70 or higher on the assessment.

Findings (2007-2010)

In 2007-2008, 71 percent of 42 students scored 70 or higher. In 2008-2009, 46 percent of 65 students scored 70 or higher. In 2009-2010, 65 percent of 51 students scored 70 or higher.

Action Plan Summary – 2007-2010

- Reviewed curriculum to ensure reflective of program goals.
- Reviewed assessment instruments to ensure adequately covered program content.
- Statistics review sessions initiated prior to assessments.

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Goals	Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives	Metric	Target			Findings			Action Plan	Reference Document
			2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10		
Goal 1 Produce students who are able to utilize classical and contemporary theories of sociology to explain social phenomena that occur in urban settings	SLO 1.1 Students will demonstrate an ability to apply knowledge of sociological theories to contemporary issues	(Modern Social Theory) SOC 457 assessment scores	80% of students score 70 or higher	80% of students score 70 or higher	80% of students score 70 or higher	56% of students (n=16) scored 70 or higher	100% of students (n=19) scored 70 or higher	73% of students (n=22) scored 70 or higher	Based on 2007-2010 Findings Reviewed curriculum to ensure reflective of program goals Reviewed assessment instruments to ensure they adequately cover program content 2009-2010 Statistics review sessions initiated prior to assessments	R1 BA Sociology Assessment Summary
Goal 2 Provide students with research skills that can be applied in urban settings to interpret and analyze social realities	SLO 2.1 Students will demonstrate the capacity to utilize research methods in urban settings to analyze and interpret social realities	(Research) SOC 359 assessment scores	80% of students score 70 or higher	80% of students score 70 or higher	80% of students score 70 or higher	86% of students (n=102) scored 70 or higher	92% of students (n=77) scored 70 or higher	82% of students (n=94) scored 70 or higher		
Goal 3 Introduce students to various types of statistical procedures utilized by sociologists	SLO 3.1 Students will demonstrate knowledge of the appropriate use of statistics and statistical procedures	(Statistics) SOC 354 assessment scores	80% of students score 70 or higher	80% of students score 70 or higher	80% of students score 70 or higher	71% of students (n=42) scored 70 or higher	46% of students (n=65) scored 70 or higher	65% of students (n=51) scored 70 or higher		