School of Social Sciences
Sociology

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

1. Core Knowledge
   i. Knowledge of major theoretical traditions in the discipline
   ii. Knowledge of intellectual currents and debates important to the history and development of sociology
   iii. Knowledge of at least two substantive areas in the discipline

2. Research Methods and Analysis
   i. Know how to frame an empirical research question guided by theory
   ii. Be familiar with the range of methods used by sociologists, including ethnography, surveys, comparative/historical analysis, experimental research, network analysis, demographic methods, etc.
   iii. Examine the strengths and limitations of different research methods
   iv. Carry out methodologically-sound research
   v. Understand and follow research ethics

3. Pedagogy
   i. Draw on a range of pedagogical techniques and approaches
   ii. Address common classroom challenges
   iii. Design lessons and assignments
   iv. Lead discussions
   v. Respond to diverse student learning needs
   vi. Effectively assess student work
   vii. Mentor students

4. Scholarly Communication
   i. Produce writing appropriate for scholarly publication
   ii. Structure an argument and support it with evidence
   iii. Review and cogently summarize relevant literatures
   iv. Effectively present research

5. Professionalism
   i. Contribute to the profession, department, and university
   ii. Publish scholarly work
   iii. Develop profession networks
   iv. Present scholarly work publicly
   v. Carry out research responsibly
   vi. Participate in professional meetings
   vii. Edit and evaluate others’ work
   viii. Adhere to tenets of academic integrity, including those specified in the ASA Code of Ethics
   x. Understand and adhere to appropriate norms of academic collegiality

6. Independent Research
   i. Develop at least two areas of research specialization
   ii. Develop own research in accordance with the standards in the field
   iii. Produce scholarship that will be suitable for publication in profession avenues