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