

ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015-2016

Southwest Studies: Anthropology
(Instructional Degree Program)

M.A.
(Degree Level)

Program Mission:

The mission of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice is to: a) contribute, meeting the educational and research needs in sociology, anthropology and criminal justice and b): contribute to meeting the career needs in social services and social sciences, as well as contribute to training for careers in education, engineering, physical and biological sciences, medicine, and other science fields.

Student Learning Outcome 1:

Declarative Knowledge: Students are expected to demonstrate facts, definitions, and vocabulary in anthropology. In addition, students should demonstrate knowledge in the interdisciplinary contributions to the Greater Southwest and northern New Mexico, including knowledge of the pre-Columbian and contemporary cultures and peoples; knowledge in one or more of the anthropological sub-disciplines; and, knowledge in one or more research areas within the Greater Southwest and northern New Mexico.

NMHU Traits

- 1) Mastery of content knowledge and skills
- 2) Effective communication skills
- 3) Critical and reflective thinking skills
- 4) Effective use of technology

NMHU Traits Specially Linked to Student Learning Outcome 1

- 1) Mastery of content knowledge and skills
- 2) Critical and reflective thinking skills

First Means of Assessment for Outcome 1:

The successful completion of the Southwest Studies common core, requirements in the concentration, and elective courses with a cumulative Grade Point Average of at least 3.0. This will ensure that students have an academic and practical understanding and appreciation of the unique social and cultural heritage of the Greater Southwest, and its composite past and present. Classes evaluated include Lithics Technology 512, Forensic Anthropology ANTH 542, Archaeology of the Southwest ANTH 513, Concepts of Human Culture ANTH 651, and Ethnographic Research Methods ANTH 696.

Number of Students Meeting Criterion	10	Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion	0
Total Number of Students Assessed	10	Total Number of Students Meeting Criterion	100%

Interpretations Based on Results of Outcome 1:

All students displayed mastery of content, including critical and reflective awareness of the unique social and cultural heritage of the Greater Southwest.

NMHU Traits Specially Linked to Student Learning Outcome 2

- 1) Mastery of content knowledge and skills
- 2) Critical and reflective thinking skills

Student Learning Outcome 2:

Intellectual Skills: Students are expected demonstrate knowledge on concepts, theories, rules and procedures needed for problem solving in anthropology. These skills include the ability to understand and critique development in anthropological theory and methodology and the ability to conceive of, design, and conduct research on anthropological subjects.

First Means of Assessment for Outcome 2:

Scholarly activity judged from an annual listing of students who publish in professional journals, books, edited collections and/or present papers at professional conferences.

Number of Students Meeting Criterion	3	Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion	3
Total Number of Students Assessed	6	Total Number of Students Meeting Criterion	50%

Interpretations Based on Results of Outcome 2:

Students who presented their works in professional conference made up 50% of the total number of students meeting the criterion. We will encourage more student participation in professional conferences either through NMHU scholarly events or other professional venues.

NMHU Traits Specially Linked to Student Learning Outcome 3

- 1) Mastery of content knowledge and skills
- 2) Effective communication skills
- 3) Critical and reflective thinking skills
- 4) Effective use of technology

Student Learning Outcome 3:

Attitudes: Students are expected to learn and promote cross-cultural awareness, understanding, and appreciation of diverse lifestyles. Additionally, students are

expected to subscribe to and practice according to the ethical codes of anthropology.

First Means of Assessment for Outcome 3:

Class participation and faculty evaluation of in-class discussions of cross-cultural appreciation and awareness will assess the extent to which cross-cultural awareness, understanding, appreciation of diverse lifestyles, and ethical codes of anthropology were increased.

Number of Students Meeting Criterion	8	Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion	0
Total Number of Students Assessed	8	Total Number of Students Meeting Criterion	100%

Interpretations Based on Results of Outcome 3:

All students met the criterion of cross-cultural appreciation and awareness and the understanding of diverse lifestyles and ethical codes of anthropology.