

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

**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 Specifically 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 Development and Socio-cultural Anthropology (ANTH 515) and Forensic Anthropology (ANTH 542).

### **NMHU Traits Specifically 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.

**NMHU Traits Specifically 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.

**Utilization of Results:****Changes to Program Based on Results:****Retention Strategies:**