

**OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT PLAN  
2018-2019**

**Sociology/Anthropology: Sociology Concentration**  
(Instructional Degree Program)

**B.A.**  
(Degree Level)

**Program Mission:**

The mission of the Sociology program is to: (a) contribute to meeting the educational and research needs of students in sociology; (b) to help students master the content, knowledge and skills central to the discipline of sociology; (c) to contribute to students' critical and reflective thinking skills; (d) to develop and enhance effective communication skills; and to (e) promote the effective use of technology relevant to our field of study.

**Student Learning Outcome 1:**

Demonstrate critical thinking and an understanding of sociology as applied to everyday life.

**NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 1**

- Mastery of Content Knowledge and Skills
- Critical and Reflective Thinking Skills
- Effective Communication Skills

**First Means of Assessment for Outcome 1:**

Grades from the papers assigned in Sociology 330-Research Methods, papers/chapter analyses in Sociology 300-Sociocultural Theory, and papers in Sociology 427-Criminology will be used for this assessment. Successful completion of this objective will be demonstrated by 70% of students in those classes receiving a grade of C or better on these papers.

**Summary of Data:**

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:		Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	
Total Number of Students Assessed:		Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	

### **Second Means of Assessment for Outcome 1:**

This means of assessment will test for the applicability of our academic program to “everyday life.” The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice conducts an annual exit survey of graduating seniors. The survey includes a question regarding employment status as well as plans to attend graduate school. Successful completion of this outcome will be indicated by at least 25% of our graduating seniors indicating they have found employment in a related field or have been accepted into a graduate program in a related field.

### **Summary of Data:**

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:		Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	
Total Number of Students Assessed:		Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	

### **Interpretation of Results for Outcome 1:**

#### **Student Learning Outcome 2:**

Be able to read, understand and critique sociological and criminological literature.

#### **NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 2**

- Mastery of Content Knowledge and Skills
- Critical and Reflective Thinking Skills
- Effective Communication Skills

### **First Means of Assessment for Outcome 2:**

Grades from papers in Sociology 330-Research Methods, Sociology 300-Sociocultural Theory, Sociology 427-Criminology will be used for this assessment. Successful completion of this objective will be demonstrated by 70% of students in the class receiving a grade of C or better on their papers.

### **Summary of Data**

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:		Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	
Total Number of Students Assessed:		Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	

## **Second Means of Assessment for Outcome 2:**

Successful completion of Sociology/Criminology core classes (SOC 300, SOC 330 and SOC 427). Successful completion of this objective will be demonstrated by 70% of students receiving 75% or better in the Sociology/Criminology core classes.

### **Summary of Data:**

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:		Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	
Total Number of Students Assessed:		Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	

## **Interpretation of Results for Outcome 2:**

### **Student Learning Outcome 3:**

Ability to design, analyze and interpret the results of research and to report the results in written form using ASA format.

### **NMHU Traits Specifically Linked to Student Learning Outcome 3**

- Mastery of Content Knowledge and Skills
- Effective Communication Skills
- Critical and Reflective Thinking Skills
- Effective Use of Technology

## **First Means of Assessment for Outcome 3:**

Grades from the final paper assigned in Sociology 330-Research Methods will be used. Successful completion of this objective will be demonstrated by 70% of students in the class receiving a grade of C or better on this assignment.

### **Summary of Data**

Number of Students Meeting Criterion:		Number of Students Not Meeting Criterion:	
Total Number of Students Assessed:		Percent of Students Meeting Criterion:	

## **Interpretation of Results for Outcome 3:**

**Utilization of Results:**

**Changes to Program Based on Results:**

**Retention Strategies:**