

**Major Field Assessment Plan**  
**M.S. Applied Sociology**  
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The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to meet the educational and cultural needs of society, primarily those of Southeast Louisiana, to disseminate knowledge and to facilitate life-long learning through quality instruction, research and service in a safe, student-centered environment.

The M.S. program in Applied Sociology is designed to prepare students to research, analyze and develop strategies for the effective and efficient functioning of institutions, organizations and community groups.

**Goal 1**

To provide students with knowledge of the core components of applied sociology.

A. Expected Outcomes

Students completing the M.S. program in Applied Sociology will be able to demonstrate a mastery of applied sociological theory, research methods, complex organizations, social stratification, statistics and evaluation and assessment.

B. Assessment

- 1) A student graduating with the M.S. in Sociology will have a GPA no lower than 3.0.
- 2) Students will receive a grade of “A” or “B” in all core M.S. Applied Sociology Courses (SOC 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606).
- 3) Upon completing the required courses in the program, students will successfully pass written comprehensive exams (to be developed in the fall 2009 semester by graduate faculty).

**Goal 2**

To provide students with the skills needed to work in middle or upper management of public/private agencies or for further graduate study.

A. Expected Outcomes

Students completing the M.S. in Applied Sociology will complete a field internship or applied research thesis project in which they will master applied sociological skills.

B. Assessment

- 1) A student graduating with the M.S. in Applied Sociology will successfully complete a field internship or applied thesis project in which they will master applied sociological skills.

**Goal 3**

To provide students with the skills to communicate theoretical concepts and apply theoretical perspectives to research.

A. Expected Outcomes

Students completing the M.S. in Applied Sociology will complete a field internship or applied research thesis in which theoretical concepts and research will be examined.

B. Assessment

- 1) Students completing the M.S. in Applied Sociology will successfully defend their field internship report or applied thesis project.

**Goal 4**

To provide students with a cross-cultural and global sociological perspective.

A. Expected Outcomes

Students M.S. in Applied Sociology will gain an awareness of an applied sociologist's role in a multicultural environment through an internship in an agency that serves the public or through a research project with multicultural or global perspectives.

B. Assessment

- 1) Students completing the M.S. in Applied Sociology will successfully complete a field internship or applied research thesis project and successfully defend it to a committee consisting of graduate faculty.